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Contract

CORE Membership 2025/30

Jisc

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Scope

Reference

Proc2986

Description

Jisc Services Ltd has entered into an agreement with The Open University to give its members the opportunity to participate in CORE, an open infrastructure service that indexes research papers from institutional and subject repositories, open access and hybrid journals. The contract will be with Jisc Services Limited as a subsidiary of Jisc. This contract is for use by Jisc Members only and not for Jisc's own use.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Framework

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Award without competition as the supplier is the rightsholder to the IP of the content and the sole supplier of this unique resource.

Award method when using the framework

Without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

The scope of the framework covers purchases by the following: • Higher Education institutions • Further Education institutions • Consortiums and any other Organisation or Body whose core purpose is the support or advancement of further or higher education or of research • Any other education institute • Multi Academy Trusts and other organisations established and acting on behalf of Colleges • Specialist Colleges • Research councils and other such organisations This framework is open to organisations in England, Wales, Northern Ireland & Scotland Members of these consortia are eligible to purchase from this framework by virtue of its membership, as will members of any other similar purchasing consortium in higher or further education that might be formed during the lifetime of the framework • www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list • www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members • www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members • www.neupc.ac.uk/members • www.hepcw.ac.uk/members • www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members

Contract 2. CORE Membership 2025/30

Supplier

- The Open University

Contract value

- £900,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

19 November 2025

Contract dates

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2030
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80000000 - Education and training services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

The supplier is the rightsholder to the IP of the content and the sole supplier of this unique resource.

Supplier

The Open University

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYNW-6296-ZJQQ

Walton Hall

Milton Keynes

MK7 6AA

United Kingdom

Email: finance-tenders@open.ac.uk

Region: UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 2. CORE Membership 2025/30

Contracting authority

Jisc

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGYD-1575-ZHXX

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Bristol

BS1 6NB

United Kingdom

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Region: UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government