

183131-2026 - Competition

Belgium – Publications – Framework agreement with multiple participants for the supply of and access to electronic subject-specific and multidisciplinary databases

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Contract or concession notice – standard regime - Change notice

Supplies - Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Vlaamse Hogescholenraad

Email: wrong.email@email.be

Legal type of the buyer: Central government authority

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Framework agreement with multiple participants for the supply of and access to electronic subject-specific and multidisciplinary databases

Description: This contract concerns subscriptions to electronic databases and subject-specific information sources to support education and research at various Flemish colleges. The contract consists of several subject-specific lots (such as economics, art, management, etc.) and two multidisciplinary umbrella packages that are used across domains.

Procedure identifier: 93131387-bdba-4a7b-8d34-4a56d880a6b0

Internal identifier: VLHORA-2026-ICT03-A01

Type of procedure: Negotiated with prior publication of a call for competition / competitive with negotiation

The procedure is accelerated: no

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Additional nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 22120000 Publications

Additional classification (cpv): 72320000 Database services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

2.1.5. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Maximum number of lots for which one tenderer can submit tenders: 6

Terms of contract:

Maximum number of lots for which contracts can be awarded to one tenderer: 6

2.1.6. Grounds for exclusion

Sources of grounds for exclusion: Procurement Document

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

Title: the supply of electronic databases to support training and research in the humanities, social sciences, pedagogy and educational sciences.

Description: This lot comprises electronic databases to support training and research in the humanities and social sciences. It concerns databases with e-books, e-journals, full-text articles, reviews and bibliographic metadata.

Internal identifier: P1

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 22121000 Technical publications

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Other duration: Unknown

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://www.publicprocurement.be/publication-workspaces/478f76b6-d886-4905-8fbb-2fa31929abf4/documents>

Ad hoc communication channel:

URL: <https://www.publicprocurement.be/publication-workspaces/478f76b6-d886-4905-8fbb-2fa31929abf4/forum>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://www.publicprocurement.be/supplier/enterprises/0/tendering-workspaces/publication-workspace-detail/478f76b6-d886-4905-8fbb-2fa31929abf4/general>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Dutch, English

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Advanced or qualified electronic signature or seal (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) is required

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 05/04/2026 22:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 8

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: council of state

Information about review deadlines: In accordance with the coordinated laws on the Council of State, an action for annulment against decisions taken in the context of this placement procedure may be lodged with the Council of State within a period of sixty (60) calendar days, starting from the day following the notification or, where appropriate, the publication of the contested decision. An application for suspension of the enforcement of the contested decision may be lodged in accordance with Article 17 of the coordinated laws on the Council of State. In cases of extreme urgency, suspension may be requested within the period specified by law, starting from the date of notification of the decision.

5.1. Lot: LOT-0002

Title: the supply of electronic databases to support training and research in economics, management, science and technology.

Description: This lot comprises electronic databases to support training and research activities in the fields of economics, management, exact sciences and technology, mainly containing full-text articles and/or e-books.

Internal identifier: P2

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 22121000 Technical publications

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Other duration: Unknown

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://publicprocurement.be/> ,

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Dutch, English

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Advanced or qualified electronic signature or seal (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) is required

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 05/04/2026 22:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 8

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: council of state

Information about review deadlines: In accordance with the coordinated laws on the Council of State, an action for annulment against decisions taken in the context of this placement procedure may be lodged with the Council of State within a period of sixty (60) calendar days, starting from the day following the notification or, where appropriate, the publication of the contested decision. An application for suspension of the enforcement of the contested decision may be lodged in accordance with Article 17 of the coordinated laws on the Council of State. In cases of extreme urgency, suspension may be requested within the period specified by law, starting from the date of notification of the decision.

5.1. Lot: LOT-0003

Title: the supply of electronic databases to support medical, paramedical and biomedical training.

Description: This lot comprises databases that are essential for medical, paramedical and biomedical training. The databases must mainly offer full-text articles and/or e-books, protocols, clinical reviews and enriched metadata.

Internal identifier: P3

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 22121000 Technical publications

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Other duration: Unknown

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Dutch, English

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Advanced or qualified electronic signature or seal (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) is required

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 05/04/2026 22:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 8

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: council of state

Information about review deadlines: In accordance with the coordinated laws on the Council of State, an action for annulment against decisions taken in the context of this placement procedure may be lodged with the Council of State within a period of sixty (60) calendar days, starting from the day following the notification or, where appropriate, the publication of the contested decision. An application for suspension of the enforcement of the contested decision may be lodged in accordance with Article 17 of the coordinated laws on the Council of State. In cases of extreme urgency, suspension may be requested within the period specified by law, starting from the date of notification of the decision.

5.1. Lot: LOT-0004

Title: the supply of electronic databases to support all art and design training.

Description: This lot includes databases that support all art and design programs, with full-text articles and/or ebooks, high-quality visual resources, metadata and backfiles

Internal identifier: P4

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 22121000 Technical publications

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Other duration: Unknown

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Dutch, English
Electronic catalogue: Allowed
Advanced or qualified electronic signature or seal (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) is required
Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 05/04/2026 22:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No
Electronic invoicing: Required
Electronic ordering will be used: yes
Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition
Maximum number of participants: 8

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: council of state
Information about review deadlines: In accordance with the coordinated laws on the Council of State, an action for annulment against decisions taken in the context of this placement procedure may be lodged with the Council of State within a period of sixty (60) calendar days, starting from the day following the notification or, where appropriate, the publication of the contested decision. An application for suspension of the enforcement of the contested decision may be lodged in accordance with Article 17 of the coordinated laws on the Council of State. In cases of extreme urgency, suspension may be requested within the period specified by law, starting from the date of notification of the decision.

5.1. Lot: LOT-0005

Title: the supply of comprehensive multilingual multidisciplinary databases
Description: This lot comprises broadly applicable databases with a multidisciplinary approach, which provide overarching insights into the subject-specific databases referred to in the previous four (4) lots. The lot concerns the electronic and grouped provision of the use of various titles of scientific literature, intended to support multiple subject areas and study programmes. Lot 5 has substantive interfaces with each of the previous four (4) lots and functions as a supplementary and binding offer within the framework agreement.
Internal identifier: P5

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies
Main classification (cpv): 22121000 Technical publications

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)
Country: Belgium

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Other duration: Unknown

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Dutch, English

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Advanced or qualified electronic signature or seal (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) is required

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 05/04/2026 22:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 8

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: council of state

Information about review deadlines: In accordance with the coordinated laws on the Council of State, an action for annulment against decisions taken in the context of this placement procedure may be lodged with the Council of State within a period of sixty (60) calendar days, starting from the day following the notification or, where appropriate, the publication of the contested decision. An application for suspension of the enforcement of the contested decision may be lodged in accordance with Article 17 of the coordinated laws on the Council of State. In cases of extreme urgency, suspension may be requested within the period specified by law, starting from the date of notification of the decision.

5.1. Lot: LOT-0006

Title: the supply of comprehensive Dutch-language multidisciplinary databases

Description: This lot comprises broadly applicable, exclusively Dutch-language databases with a multidisciplinary approach, which offer overarching insights across several previous subject-specific lots, without having to cover all lots, and which constitute a complementary and supplementary offering compared to the multilingual databases of lot 5.

Internal identifier: P6

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 22121000 Technical publications

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Other duration: Unknown

5.1.6. General information

Reserved participation:

Participation is not reserved.

Procurement Project not financed with EU Funds.

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): no

5.1.9. Selection criteria

Sources of selection criteria: Procurement Document

Information about the second stage of a two-stage procedure:

The procedure will take place in successive stages. At each stage, some participants may be eliminated

The buyer reserves the right to award the contract on the basis of the initial tenders without any further negotiations

5.1.11. Procurement documents

Address of the procurement documents: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

5.1.12. Terms of procurement

Terms of submission:

Electronic submission: Required

Address for submission: <https://publicprocurement.be/>

Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted: Dutch, English

Electronic catalogue: Allowed

Advanced or qualified electronic signature or seal (as defined in Regulation (EU) No 910/2014) is required

Deadline for receipt of requests to participate: 05/04/2026 22:00:00 (UTC+02:00) Eastern European Time, Central European Summer Time

Terms of contract:

The execution of the contract must be performed within the framework of sheltered employment programmes: No

Electronic invoicing: Required

Electronic ordering will be used: yes

Electronic payment will be used: yes

5.1.15. Techniques

Framework agreement:

Framework agreement, without reopening of competition

Maximum number of participants: 8

Information about the dynamic purchasing system:

No dynamic purchase system

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: council of state

Information about review deadlines: In accordance with the coordinated laws on the Council of State, an action for annulment against decisions taken in the context of this placement procedure may be lodged with the Council of State within a period of sixty (60) calendar days, starting from the day following the notification or, where appropriate, the publication of the contested decision. An application for suspension of the enforcement of the contested decision may be lodged in accordance with Article 17 of the coordinated laws on the Council of State. In cases of extreme urgency, suspension may be requested within the period specified by law, starting from the date of notification of the decision.

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Vlaamse Hogescholenraad

Registration number: 0650536537_1259

Postal address: Ravensteingalerij 27 bus 3

Town: Brussel

Postcode: 1000

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

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Telephone: +32 22114190

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Internet address: <http://www.vlhora.be>

Buyer profile: <https://www.publicprocurement.be/bda?organisationIds=1259&includeOrganisationChildren=true>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: FPS Policy and Support

Registration number: BE001

Postal address: Simon Bolivarlaan 30, bus 1

Town: Brussel

Postcode: 1000

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

Email: revise@publicprocurement.be

Telephone: +32 2 740 80 00

Internet address: <https://bosa.belgium.be>

Roles of this organisation:

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: council of state

Registration number: 0931.814.266

Town: Brussel

Postcode: 1000

Country subdivision (NUTS): Arr. de Bruxelles-Capitale/Arr. Brussel-Hoofdstad (BE100)

Country: Belgium

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

10. Change

Version of the previous notice to be changed

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Main reason for change

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Information updated

Description

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In section 3.3.1 of the selection guidelines, the title 'Humanities & Social Sciences' is listed for Lot 1. However, this title is narrower than the actual scope of the lot. As correctly stated in section 1.1, Lot 1 covers the humanities, social sciences, educational sciences and pedagogy.

10.1. Change

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Notice information

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