

**United Kingdom-Reading: Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines**  
**OJ S 139/2023 21/07/2023**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

National registration number: 111357

Postal address: Reading Enterprise Centre, The University of Reading, Whiteknights Road, Earley Gate

Town: Reading

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

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Country: United Kingdom

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/86623>

**I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1. Title**

Serials, Periodicals, and Associated Services (Print and Digital)

Reference number: LIB4054 SU

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

22200000 Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4. Short description**

The current 'Serials, Periodicals and Associated Services' agreement is led by SUPC and supported by HEPCW, LUPC, NEUPC, and NWUPC along with the four specialist library consortia Academic Libraries North, MUAL, NEYAL, and WHELFF. The agreement ran for an initial 2 year period and has had two 12 month extensions, totally four years. It expires on 30th April 2023 and is likely to be extended until 31st July 2023.

The agreement scope remains similar to the current agreement and will cover the supply of serials by subscriptions agents in print and/or electronic formats. This includes current, backissue, backsets and digital archives of periodicals; newspapers and annuals (annual conference proceedings, reports, yearbooks, etc); the journals, memoirs, proceedings, transactions and other similar publications of societies; numbered monographic series; standing orders; standards and databases. Also included are associated services relating to consolidation or usage analysis.

#### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

#### **II.1.7. Total value of the procurement**

Value excluding VAT: 250 000 000,00 GBP

### **II.2. Description**

#### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

22200000 Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines

#### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Various locations around the UK

#### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

The framework is intended for suppliers delivering comprehensive academic library subscription services from any publisher willing to contract via a subscriptions agent, including both print and digital resources with a subscriptions management portal and appropriate consolidation services

#### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management & Reporting / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Subscription Management / Weighting: 25

Quality criterion - Name: Subscription Management System / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Payment, Invoicing & Credits / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Responsible Procurement / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project: Although the UK has left the EU, it is possible that some members may have EU funding. A contract notice will be placed with OJEU accordingly.

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

## Section IV: Procedure

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### IV.1. Description

#### IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open procedure

#### IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### IV.2. Administrative information

#### IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2023/S 077-231460](#)

#### IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system

#### IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

## Section V: Award of contract

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**Contract No:** 1

**Title:**

Serials, Periodicals, and Associated Services (Print and Digital)

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

### V.2. Award of contract

#### V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

17/07/2023

#### V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: yes

#### V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: EBSCO International Inc

National registration number: 607979689

Postal address: 6th Floor, Civic Centre, Silver Street

Town: Enfield

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: EN1 3XA

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: [www.ebsco.com](http://www.ebsco.com)

The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Otto Harrassowitz GmbH & Co. KG

National registration number: DE 113897518

Postal address: Kreuzberger Ring 7 c-d

Town: Wiesbaden

NUTS code: DE Deutschland

Postal code: 65205

Country: Germany

Internet address: [www.harrassowitz.de](http://www.harrassowitz.de)

The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Prenaz Limited

National registration number: GB756963282

Postal address: Barrington House

Town: Yeovil

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: BA20 2HL

Country: United Kingdom

Internet address: <https://www.prenax.com/en-gb>

The contractor is an SME: no

**V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 250 000 000,00 GBP

Total value of the contract/lot: 250 000 000,00 GBP

**V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.3. Additional information**

This framework agreement was initially tendered with 2 lots but a lack of bidders for Lot 2 mean that a non-lotted framework is awarded based on the requirements and characteristics (including GBP value) of Lot 1 only

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

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**VI.5.**

**Date of dispatch of this notice**

17/07/2023