

**Ireland-Dublin: Subscription services**  
**OJ S 139/2023 21/07/2023**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Services**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Central Bank of Ireland

National registration number: N/A

Postal address: PO Box 559

Town: Dublin 1

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

Postal code: New Wapping Street,

Country: Ireland

Contact person: Geraldine Sherlock

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**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <http://www.centralbank.ie>

Address of the buyer profile: <https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/329>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Economic and financial affairs

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

Library Subscription Services

Reference number: 2023P015

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

79980000 Subscription services

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4. Short description**

The Central Bank requested responses for the supply of digital and print subscriptions and associated services as outlined in the Invitation to Tender ("ITT") document.

The digital and print subscriptions are as follows:

- i. Library digital subscriptions may include enterprise licence, team licence, single or multiple user login subscriptions to websites, ebooks, electronic journals and newspapers, online databases and other electronic publications and email newsletter subscriptions; and
- ii. Library print subscriptions may include subscriptions to any hard copy or printed periodical, journal or magazine.

During the lifetime of the Contract, the Central Bank may require the successful tenderer to provide additional subscriptions that are relevant to the Central Bank's requirements. Where the Central Bank notifies the successful tenderer of such a requirement, the successful tenderer will be required to submit the associated costs to the Central Bank for agreement.

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value excluding VAT: 2 800 000,00 EUR

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

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

22120000 Publications, 22200000 Newspapers, journals, periodicals and magazines, 22211000 Journals, 22211100 Official journals, 72320000 Database services, 73110000 Research services, 92511000 Library services

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

NUTS code: IE Éire / Ireland

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

The Central Bank Library Information Resource Centre and its staff (the "Library") requested responses for the supply of digital and print subscriptions and associated services as outlined in the Invitation to Tender ("ITT") document.

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- i. Library digital subscriptions may include enterprise licence, team licence, single or multiple user login subscriptions to websites, ebooks, electronic journals and newspapers, online databases and other electronic publications and email newsletter subscriptions; and
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#### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Mandatory Requirements / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Additional Subscriptions / Weighting: 20

Quality criterion - Name: Quality of Service Delivery / Weighting: 35

Quality criterion - Name: Issue Resolution / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 35

#### **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:  
no

### 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

###### 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 060-177700](#)

###### 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

#### Section V: Award of contract

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**Contract No:** 1

**Title:**

Library Subscription Services

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

##### V.2. Award of contract

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

22/06/2023

###### V.2.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

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

Official name: EBSCO International Inc.

Town: Middlesex

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: EN1 3XA

Country: United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME: no

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 2 900 000,00 EUR

Total value of the contract/lot: 2 800 000,00 EUR

## **V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **VI.3. Additional information**

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### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: The High Court

Postal address: Inns Quay

Town: Dublin 7

Country: Ireland

E-mail: [highcourtcentraloffice@courts.ie](mailto:highcourtcentraloffice@courts.ie)

Internet address: <https://courts.ie/>

#### **VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

As set out at section 7 of the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) Regulations SI 130/2010, as amended.

### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

18/07/2023