

563563-2026 - Direct award preannouncement

Ireland – Printed books – Supply of Books to the Trinity College Dublin Gift Shop

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Voluntary ex-ante transparency notice

Supplies

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Trinity College Dublin the University of Dublin_336

Email: hartnetb@tcd.ie

Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Supply of Books to the Trinity College Dublin Gift Shop

Description: Trinity College Dublin proposes to directly award a 12 month contract to Argosy Independent Book Wholesalers for the continued supply of books for resale through the Trinity College Gift Shop and online, pursuant to Article 32(3)(b) of Directive 2014/24/EU. Trinity College Dublin has considered the available supply market, including other Irish wholesale and distribution channels. While alternative suppliers operate in specific segments of the book market, none has been identified as providing the required combination of comprehensive multi-publisher wholesale supply, specialist Irish title coverage, flexible low-volume ordering, and rapid replenishment required to meet the requirements of the Trinity College Gift Shop.

Procedure identifier: 80592e06-de40-44bb-830a-54131a9e71ff

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 22110000 Printed books

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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distribution channels. While alternative suppliers operate in specific segments of the book market, none has been identified as providing the required combination of comprehensive multi-publisher wholesale supply, specialist Irish title coverage, flexible low-volume ordering, and rapid replenishment required to meet the requirements of the Trinity College Gift Shop.
Internal identifier: TCD-26-C2515

5.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 22110000 Printed books

Quantity: 0

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

5.1.6. General information

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 350 000,00 EUR

Direct award

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Justification for direct award: The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons

Other justification: Trinity College Dublin proposes to directly award a 12 month contract to Argosy Independent Book Wholesalers for the continued supply of books for resale through the Trinity College Gift Shop and online, pursuant to Article 32(3)(b) of Directive 2014/24/EU. Trinity College Dublin has considered the available supply market, including other Irish wholesale and distribution channels. While alternative suppliers operate in specific segments of the book market, none has been identified as providing the required combination of comprehensive multi-publisher wholesale supply, specialist Irish title coverage, flexible low-volume ordering, and rapid replenishment required to meet the requirements of the Trinity College Gift Shop. Argosy Independent Book Wholesalers is Ireland's only independent book wholesaler and has supplied the Trinity College Gift Shop for over 50 years. Argosy provides access to a wide range of general and specialist titles in the quantities and timescales required to support the Gift Shop and its online sales. Books are an essential element of the Trinity College Gift Shop's offering to visitors to the Book of Kells Experience. The proposed contract will ensure continuity of supply and maintain the range and availability of books offered for resale. On this basis, Trinity College Dublin intends to award the contract to Argosy Independent Book Wholesalers without prior publication of a contract notice, in accordance with Article 32(3)(b) of Directive 2014/24/EU.

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Trinity College Dublin the University of Dublin_336
Registration number: CHY 11
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Buyer profile: <https://www.tcd.ie>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland
Registration number: The High Court of Ireland
Department: The High Court of Ireland
Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7
Town: Dublin
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Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
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Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.
Registration number: 002024901000
Department: European Dynamics S.A.
Town: Athens
Postcode: 15125
Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)
Country: Greece
Email: eproc-esender@eurodyn.com
Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

8.1. ORG-0004

Official name: Argosy Libraries
Size of the economic operator: Medium
Town: North Park, North Road, Dublin 11
Postcode: D11 Y062
Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland

Roles of this organisation:

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