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**United Kingdom-Bristol: Education and training services
2020/S 247-615797**

Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Official name: Jisc Services Ltd
Postal address: 4 Portwall Lane
Town: Bristol
NUTS code: UK UNITED KINGDOM
Postal code: BS1 6NB
Country: United Kingdom
Contact person: Clare Nurton
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Internet address(es):
Main address: www.jisc.ac.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type: National Education and Research Network Provider

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title:

Extension to 'Journals Framework Agreement Springer Compact'

II.1.2) Main CPV code

80000000 Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description:

Jisc Collections is extending its existing agreement with Springer Nature to offer its member institutions access to and publishing rights in Springer Nature online journals for a further year (2022). Springer Nature is the owner of the intellectual property rights to this content and is the sole supplier of this unique product and service.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: 13 649 084.00 EUR

II.2) Description

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Jisc Collections is extending its existing agreement with Springer Nature to offer its member institutions access to and publishing rights in Springer Nature online journals for a further year. The current agreement runs from 1 April 2019 to 31 December 2021. This VEAT informs of Jisc's intention to extend this contract for a further year to 31 December 2022. Springer Nature is the owner of the intellectual property rights to this content and is the sole supplier of this unique product and service. The agreement is for use by Jisc members and not for Jisc's own use.

II.2.5) **Award criteria**

Price

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**

The contract value is an estimate based on the aggregate sum of the licence fees that will be paid to the supplier by Jisc member institutions; Jisc Collections itself makes no payment to the supplier for this service.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) **Description**

IV.1.1) **Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure without prior publication

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

The agreement is for content that is unique to Springer Nature. Therefore Jisc is clear that the arrangement falls within the IPR derogation, contained within Regulation 32(2)(b)(iii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, permitting Jisc to enter into the direct award.

IV.1.3) **Information about 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: [2019/S 054-125393](#)

Section V: Award of contract/concession

V.2) **Award of contract/concession**

V.2.1) **Date of contract award decision:**

14/12/2020

V.2.2) **Information about tenders**

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

V.2.3) **Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Official name: Springer Nature Customer Service Center GmbH
Postal address: Tiergartenstrasse 15-17, 69121
Town: Heidelberg
NUTS code: DE DEUTSCHLAND
Country: Germany
The contractor/concessionaire will be an SME: no

V.2.4) **Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 13 649 084.00 EUR

V.2.5) **Information about subcontracting**

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) **Additional information:**

VI.4) **Procedures for review**

VI.4.1) **Review body**

Official name: Jisc Services Ltd
Town: Bristol
Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Jisc Services Ltd will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to suppliers. This notification provides information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for suppliers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 article 91 provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

15/12/2020