

## Periodicals – Supply of – Inter-Regional Agreement (LIB4028 SU)

### SUMMARY

**Start date:** 1st August, 2015

**End date:** 31st July, 2019

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### SCOPE

This Framework covers the supply of electronic and printed journals, including but not limited to the following:

- Electronic and print journals from a wide range of publishers globally.
- Access to a Subscription Management System.
- Facilitate setting up and mediate access to publishers' e-journals.
- The option to set up automatic renewals if required.
- Consolidation services.
- Flexible invoicing periods, along with customised layout and content.

This agreement is not split into lots.

### AGREEMENT BENEFITS

- Provides full compliance with the Public Contract Regulations.
- Ensures standard contract performance measures are monitored and managed over the life of the agreement.
- Includes pre-defined and agreed Terms and Conditions.
- Ensures continuity of supply through well established supplier relationships.
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### USING THE FRAMEWORK

There are several ways to call-off from this agreement:

#### 1. Award to top-ranked supplier

A direct award is permitted by the Public Contract Regulations if an institution can determine that the top ranked supplier can meet their requirements, and that the supplier provides the most economically advantageous solution.

#### 2. Conduct a desktop exercise

Institutions may use a desktop calculator to amend the criterion by up to 20 percentage points to reflect their local requirements. This tool is available on HEC and, based on the institution amended weightings, will then recalculate the total overall score. Once complete, you should place your contract with the highest scoring supplier.

#### 3. Further competition

Institutions wishing to undertake a further-competition may do so. All the supplier(s) appointed must be invited to submit responses to the institution's further-competition tender document. You can find further guidance on conducting a further competition in the buyer's guide on HE Contracts Database.

## SUPPLIERS

EBSCO Subscription Services, LM Information Delivery UK Ltd, Otto Harrassowitz GmbH & Co. KG,

## SUSTAINABILITY

Electronic journals are more sustainable than printed journals and this Agreement gives access to a wide range of electronic journals from publishers globally.

The suppliers will facilitate access to publisher's electronic journals and all orders, for both printed and electronic requirements, can be handled electronically through the suppliers online Subscription Management System.

As part of the contract management all suppliers will be encouraged to operate their business with due regard to sustainability.

## NEXT STEPS

To start taking advantage of this agreement right away, please visit the Supply of Electronic and Printed Journals Agreement page on HE Contracts Database at: [www.hecontracts.co.uk](http://www.hecontracts.co.uk). From there, you can view the contracts, suppliers, supplier contact details, terms and conditions and a complete Buyer's Guide.

If you need assistance, please contact the person with responsibility for procurement at your institution, or SUPC Contracts Manager Carli Thatcher at [c.thatcher@reading.ac.uk](mailto:c.thatcher@reading.ac.uk).