INVITATION TO TENDER

to a negotiated public procurement contract award procedure without prior public notice by virtue of Chapter Two of Act CXLIII of 2015 on Public Procurement (hereinafter PPA) on "Subscription for the Access to Alexander Street, British Medical Journals, Cambridge University Press Journals, IOPscience, and Royal Society of Chemistry (2017)".

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Public Consulting Kft. shall provide the assistance of a liable and accredited expert

in public procurement in respect of this public procurement procedure.

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3. Legal basis of the negotiated procedure

PPA § 98 (2) c): due to the protection of exclusive rights the contract may only be concluded with one specific economic operator, and there is no real alternative to meet the demand for the procurement, and the absence of competition is not a result of the fact that Contracting Authority would have defined the subject matter of the public procurement in an unreasonably restrictive manner.

Reasoning for the relevance of the legal grounds pursuant to PPA § 98 (2) c):

 The absence of competition is not a result of the fact that Contracting Authority would have defined the subject matter of the public procurement in an unreasonably restrictive manner:

The objective of this public procurement is that through a national program of Electronic Data Supply (EDS) the Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences may provide access to the services under this public procurement to the circle of authorized users.

The EDS is a national program established by Government Decision 2249/2001. (IX. 12.) (on the approval of the report of the Chairman of the Hungarian Scientific Research Fund and on the tasks in developing principles and requirements for a uniform electronic data supply) whose aim is to acquire electronic sources of information indispensable for higher education and academic research centrally on the basis of a national licence. In such a manner considerably more information may be accessed to for a wider range of users and for a relatively more favourable price. The EDS is a remarkable element of the higher education development program and our Euro-Atlantic integration as at the same time it substantially enhances the competitiveness of Hungarian higher education, and promotes the democratic expansion of access to information.

Those state and ecclesiastical higher education and scientific research institutions (the most significant are those of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences) may join the national program of EDS which have been designated in the Higher Education Act. The electronic content services of the EDS may be accessed via the Internet. Identification is primarily through IP addresses, thus the service is only available on computers which share the IP-addresses of the authorized user institutions.

The Government has called upon the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (hereinafter HAS) in its Government Decision 1079/2012. (III. 28.) on the tasks related to the financing and operation of the National Program for Electronic Data Supply to cater for the operation of the National Program for Electronic Data Supply with the contribution of the Library and Information Centre of the HAS who functions as a budgetary public body under its control. The decision for the range of databases (the databases of the current public procurement included) to be acquired under the National Program for EDS has been made by an independent body (EDS Program Council). Therefore it may be concluded that Contracting Authority has not determined the subject matter of the current procedure in an unreasonably restrictive manner, but subject to the determination of the EDS Program Council.

2. No other alternative exists to meet the demand for the procurement:

Alexander Street

The procurement of the Alexander Street database is a modern, up-to-date possibility for the domestic tertiary and research community making use of the increasingly growing tide of scientific audio-visual contents in tertiary education. In certain packages of the database several hours long organized audio-visual materials (music and tertiary education videos), musical scores, and university books may be accessed. The Alexander Street database at present is unique in providing scientific contents in Hungary as it presents scientific information in such a novel manner which addresses the young generation in an innovative way.

British Medical Journal

The database provides access to the British Medical Journal published by the British Medical Association, and to further 28 full text medical journals. The BMJ is one of the most prominent journals of medical sciences, and moreover it functions as an online platform providing up-to-date communication for the professional medical community. Apart from current journal articles, it also comprises videos, blogs and an archive collection of articles which may be searched in retrospect until 1840.

Cambridge University Press

Cambridge University Press (CUP) Journals is an online database for the university and research community compiled by one of the most renowned universities of the world. It practically covers every scientific discipline, whether humanities, social or natural sciences, or applied studies. History and linguistics, as well as political sciences and international relations play a predominant role within humanities and social sciences, environment and environmental studies, and agriculture within the applied sciences, neurology and medical biology within the realm of medical sciences. CUP publications have a leading role within their discipline, such publications include the most recent findings. Therefore, such contents are indispensable for progressive research and the Hungarian academic community.

CUP currently publishes 350 such peer-reviewed university journals, which may not be accessed through any other database.

IOP Science

The latest full text issues published by the Institute of Physics (IOP) of over 70 – mainly hard copy - natural sciences journals may exclusively be accessed through this database.

Royal Society of Chemistry

Over 35 full text journals of one of the leading chemistry organisations of the world may be accessed through this chemistry database.

The subscriber institutions also receive <u>Open Access vouchers</u> under the subscription, which enable the researchers of the institutions to publish a definite number of studies via free access without any additional costs.

The latest issues of the journals of the Royal Society of Chemistry may only be accessed through this database.

The databases which are the subject of this public procurement procedure are highly significant which solely meet the professional and scientific requirements of the user institutions as described above. Solely the content of these databases cover the scientific and professional requirements of the user institutions. Domestic institutions of tertiary education and research centers may exclusively gain exhaustive and well-grounded information with references for their research activities from the current databases through articles based on leading international research

All the above support the exquisite nature of the subject of the current public procurement procedure, and that it may not be replaced by any other databases. The uniqueness of the databases is also supported by their being of copyrighted quality which is manifested in their singular and original nature.

3. The contract may solely be concluded with a specific economic operator due to the protection of exclusive rights:

This particular procurement award procedure type has been chosen for the following reason. The volume of this procedure is the provision of access to copyrighted databases via subscription. Subscription enables the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (MTA) to provide its contractual services related to the National Program for Electronic Data Supply. Scientific Knowledge AG. has been selected to participate as the only Tenderer capable of providing rights of access to the databases In consideration of the above Contracting Authority intends to conduct the procedure as per PPA § 98 § (2)c), so that Scientific Knowledge AG. who is exclusively authorised to provide access is called for tender.

4. Manner of availability of public procurement documents

Except for the Invitation to Tender the public procurement documents (hereinafter Documentation) are directly available in full without any restrictions at the following internet link:

http://b-t.hu/dokumentum/index.php/s/ctmXsSatbwZjVMn

The Documentation shall also be sent directly to Tenderer by Contracting Authority. The receipt / electronic access of the Documentation is a precondition for participation in the procedure. At least one Tenderer or Sub-contractor designated in the Tender shall receive/have access to the Documentation per Tender. Documentation is non-transferable.

5. The subject-matter and quantity of the public procurement

The subject of the procedure: 'Subscription for the Access to Alexander Street, British Medical Journals, Cambridge University Press Journals, IOPscience, and Royal Society of Chemistry (2017)'

Quantity:

1. (Public Procurement) Part 1:

Alexander Street

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The recordings are supplied with metadata, subtitles and additional information. The videos may primarily be used in higher education. Every item may be directly linked and shared by a group of students. The Alexander Street database at present is unique in providing scientific contents in Hungary as it presents scientific information in such a novel manner which addresses the young generation in an innovative way.

The following EIS member institutions indicated their need to access the following packages in 2017:

- 1. Állatorvostudományi Egyetem (Veterinary Education Online)
- 2. Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem (Academic Video Online)
- 3. Közép-európai Egyetem (Ethnographic Video Online: Volumes I & II Second Edition)
- 4. Magyar Táncművészeti Főiskola (Complete Music and Dance Package)

Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV):

Main subject: 79980000-7

2. (Public Procurement) Part 2:

BMJ + BMJ Journals

The database provides access to the British Medical Journal published by the British Medical Association, and to further 28 full text medical journals. The BMJ is one of the most prominent journals of medical sciences, and moreover it functions as an online platform providing up-to-date communication for the professional medical community. Apart from current journal articles, it also comprises videos, blogs and an archive collection of articles which may be searched in retrospect until 1840. The list of journals solely accessible via this database is set out in the Appendix.

Subscribers in 2017:

- 1. Debreceni Egyetem (BMJ)
- 2. Országos Gyógyszerészeti és Élelmezés-egészségügyi Intézet (BMJ)
- 3. Semmelweis Egyetem (BMJ+BMJ Journals)

Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV):

Main subject: 79980000-7

3. (Public Procurement) Part 3:

Cambridge University Press Journals

Cambridge University Press (CUP) Journals is an online database for the university and research community compiled by one of the most renowned universities of the world. It practically covers every scientific discipline: humanities, social, natural sciences, and applied sciences. History and linguistics, as well as political sciences and international relations play a predominant role within humanities and social sciences, environment and environmental studies, and agriculture within the applied sciences, neurology and medical biology within the realm of medical sciences. CUP publications have a leading role within their discipline, such publications include the most recent findings. Therefore, such contents are indispensable for progressive research and the Hungarian academic community.

CUP currently publishes 350 such peer-reviewed journals, most of which may not be accessed through any other database. As well as those journals owned by the Press itself, they publish the periodicals of learned and professional societies. Over 120 of their journals are owned by scholarly societies and are published by the Press on their behalf. 1 million full text studies may be accessed through this collection. Journals are organized by disciplines, thus particular institutions may subscribe only to the relevant packages (social sciences, humanities, engineering, economics, medical sciences, etc.).

Over two-thirds of the journals are indexed by one of the most important international tools in scientific perforance-indexing, namely Science Citation Index and Social Science Citation Index.

Every journal may exclusively accessed via Cambridge Core Online, the publisher's own platform. The articles may be read in PDF or HTML format and downloaded to phones, tablets or e-readers in ePub fomat. The articles may be directly sent to a user's Dropbox or Google Drive address. The platform provides a number of search and browsing facilities, thus a user may browse by the subject or title of a journal, or may use the Quick Search, Citation Search, or Advanced Search functions. Cambridge Core also has a version for mobiles. This was devised for smart phones and other small devices enabling quicker and more convenient browsing. All the journals may be accessed on the Cambridge Core platform. Thus the entire content of Cambridge University Press may be searched simultaneously through a single search box. The most current issues of particular journals of CUP may only be accessed via this platform.

Subscriber institutions in 2017:

- 1. Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem (Engineering & Technology Collection)
- 2. Debreceni Egyetem (Full Collection)
- 3. Eötvös Loránd Tudományegyetem (Full Collection)
- 4. Eszterházy Károly Egyetem (Full Collection)
- 5. Evangélikus Hittudományi Egyetem (HSS Collection)
- 6. Károli Gáspár Református Egyetem (HSS Collection)
- 7. Közép-európai Egyetem (Full Collection)
- 8. MTA Könyvtár és Információs Központ (HSS Collection)
- 9. MTA Társadalomtudományi Kutatóközpont (HSS Collection)
- 10. Nemzeti Közszolgálati Egyetem (Full Collection)
- 11. Országgyűlés Hivatala (HSS Collection)
- 12. Pázmány Péter Katolikus Egyetem (HSS Collection)
- 13. Szegedi Tudományegyetem (Full Collection)

Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV): Main subject: 79980000-7

4. (Public Procurement) Part 4:

IOPscience

The latest full text issues published by the Institute of Physics (IOP) of over 70 natural sciences journals – mainly in the area of physics -may exclusively be accessed through this database. The search option provides quick access to the studies, supports customized searches, the use of e-bookmarks, and the sharing of studies considered significant. Notices in the RSS news feed on the publication of new issues may be requested in the settings.

Subscribers in 2017:

- 1. MTA Atommagkutató Intézet
- 2. MTA Csillagászati és Földtudományi Kutatóközpont
- 3. MTA Wigner Fizikai Kutatóközpont
- 4. Szegedi Tudományegyetem

Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV):

Main subject: 79980000-7

5. (Public Procurement) Part 5:

Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC)

Over 35 full text journals of one of the leading chemistry organisations of the world may be accessed through this database. The EIS subscription contains the RSC Gold Package which provides the entire range of the Royal Society of Chemistry journals. Such journals also cover related disciplines, thus also providing valuable resources for researchers in the area of biology, biophysics, technical sciences, physics, medical sciences, etc.

The subscriber institutions also receive <u>Open Access vouchers</u> under the subscription, which enable the researchers of the institutions to publish a definite number of studies via free access without any additional costs.

The latest issues of the journals of the Royal Society of Chemistry may only be accessed through this database.

Subsrcibers in 2017:

- 1. Budapesti Műszaki és Gazdaságtudományi Egyetem
- 2. MTA Természettudományi Kutatóközpont
- 3. MTA Wigner Fizikai Kutatóközpont
- 4. Szegedi Tudományegyetem

Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV):

Main subject: 79980000-7

6. Subject of the contract

In case of every Part: online database subscription agreement

7. The term of the contract or the time limit for performance

In case of every Part : from the conclusion date of the contract until 31 December 2017.

8. Place of performance

In case of every Part the seat(s) of user institutions as specified in the relevant Appendix of each contract.

9. Conditions for settling the consideration and reference to applicable legislation

No advance shall be paid by Contracting Authority as to any of the Parts.

In case of every Part Contracting Authority enables Tenderer to issue a single invoice within the scope of the contract pursuant to the terms set forth in the Draft Contract included in the Documentation.

Contracting Authority shall make payments by transfer in compliance with PPA § 135 (1) and (6), as well as Section 6:130 (1)-(2) of the Civil Code and Section 36/A of Act XCII of 2003 on the rules of taxation. The method of payment is transfer. Invoices shall be issued in EUR by the winning Tenderer as to Part 1, and in GBP as to all the other Parts following certified contractual performance.

10. Acceptance or prohibition of variant (alternative) offers, the possibility or ruling out of partial bidding

Contracting Authority prohibits variant (alternative) offers.

Partial tendering is rendered possible with regard to PPA § 61 (5) and (6) as follows: A tender may be submitted for each Part, thus Contracting Authority enables Tenderer to submit a tender in respect of all (five) Parts.

11. Award criteria of the Tender

The lowest tender price subject to PPA § 76 (2) a) with regard to every Part. Subject to PPA § 100 (5) in case of a single Tenderer called for tender PPA § 76 (5) shall not apply.

12. Grounds for exclusion

No Economic Operator may participate in the procedure as Tenderer, or Sub-contractor, and may not contribute to the certification of suitability either who fall under any of the points defined in PPA § 62 (1) and (2).

Due to the fact that the economic operator called for tender is not established in Hungary, therefore the non-existence of grounds for exclusion shall be certified pursuant to Sections 10, 12, and 14-15 of Government Decree 321/2015. (X. 30.).

In case of Tenderers not established in Hungary they shall declare as regards grounds for exclusion pursuant to PPA § 62 (1) a)-g), and sub-point ka) of point k), as well as PPA § 62 (2) as to what kind of certifications are suitable to certify the non-existence of grounds for exclusion in the country in which they are established and as to what kind of authorities, organizations issue them. Such declaration is not suitable to certify the non-existence of grounds for exclusion, but it identifies the means of certification. The Tender shall contain certifications of such authorities, organizations which provide truthful evidence as to the non-existence of grounds for exclusion.

Subject to PPA § 100 (5) Contracting Authority requires that the certifications on the non-existence of grounds for exclusion shall be filed simultaneously with the submission of the tender.

Tenderer is required to make a statement in the Tender pursuant to PPA § 67 (4) that it shall not involve any sub-contractors to contribute to the performance of the contract which would fall under the grounds for exclusion as set out in PPA § 62.

13. Suitability criteria are dispensed with

Due to the legal grounds of this public procurement Contracting Authority fails to determine any financial or economic, technical or professional suitability criteria with regard to PPA § 65 (2).

14. Request for the supply of missing information

Contracting Authority allows full scope to supply missing information with respect to PPA § 71.

15. Deadline for submission of Tender and date of Tender opening:

22 (day) March (month), 2017, at 12 (hr) 00 (min) noon.

16. Address to which Tenders shall be sent

Public Consulting Kft.

1054 Budapest, Báthory u. 9. II. em. 6/A. The Tenders shall be submitted on working days from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., on the day of the time limit for submission of Tenders from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. (noon).

17. Language

The language of the procedure is Hungarian and / or English. Contracting Authority provides the Invitation to Tender as well as the Documentation in Hungarian and English. The Tender may be submitted in Hungarian and / or English. Contracting Authority shall accept the liable translation of those documents by Tenderer which were not submitted in Hungarian and/or English pursuant to PPA § 47 (2).

18. Tender opening venue

Public Consulting Kft. 1054 Budapest, Báthory u. 9. II. em. 6/A (Meeting Room)

19. The parties authorized to be present at the opening of Tenders

Pursuant to PPA § 68 (3)

20. The process of negotiations and related fundamental rules prescribed by Contracting Authority

Contracting Authority intends to negotiate once in respect to every Part, but it reserves the right of holding further negotiation(s) related to any of the three Parts if it is required. Tenderer shall be informed of the date and venue of the further round of negotiation(s) in writing (by being sent the negotiation minutes) or at the previous negotiation.

Contracting Authority draws up minutes of each negotiation with respect to PPA § 88 (4) which shall be signed by Tenderer, provided it attends the negotiation in person.

At the negotiations only persons with due authorization, or full proxy for declarations shall make any statements. In the latter case a copy of the proxy (power-of-attorney) shall be enclosed in the Tender or presented at the negotiation.

Persons acting on behalf of Tenderer shall be verified at every negotiation whether they are authorized to do so.

Tenderer is responsible for authorizing a suitable person having the required legal and technical expertise to represent him at every round of negotiations and who is thus empowered to make declarations and - if necessary - submit a new Tender offer on behalf of Tenderer.

In the course of negotiations the subject and conditions of the public procurement may not be altered in such a manner that

- the difference in the subject or conditions of the contract concluded subject to the procedure originally would not have allowed the launch of a negotiated procedure without prior contract notice,
- b) the conditions laid down in the Invitation to Tender and the Documentation would change to such an extent that as a result Tenderer could not be able to make a Final Tender by the close of the negotiations, or
- c) the award criteria or its method would be changed.

Contracting Authority shall inform Tenderer when the negotiations are to be concluded (thus when the binding period of the Tender offer commences). The conclusion of the negotiations is deemed to be the "time limit for submission of Final Tenders". The time limit for submission of Final Tenders, that is of the "Final Tender" or the statement on upholding the original Tender (hereinafter: Vindication) shall be given at the negotiation/final negotiation by Contracting Authority. Contracting Authority shall inform Tenderer of the time limit for submission of Final Tenders also in writing by handing over the negotiation minutes at the negotiation, or by sending it

If the technical specifications or contractual terms are not amended at the negotiations and Tenderer does not submit a Final Tender up until the deadline for such submission or does not make a statement on failing to uphold its Tender, then the original Tender is deemed to have been upheld and it will be evaluated as a "Final

Tender". A Tender is deemed original which was submitted within the original time limit for submission of Tenders. If Tenderer fails to attend the negotiation Contracting Authority shall proceed according to the foregoing nevertheless.

At the conclusion of negotiations, that is, by the expiry of the deadline for submission of Final Tenders the binding offer period commences which shall take 30 days.

The method and form of submission of Final Tenders shall be specified during the negotiations.

21. Venue and date of the first negotiation:

Venue in respect of every Part:

Library and Information Centre of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences 1051 Budapest, Arany János u. 1 (4th Floor Room 405)

Date for Part 1: 30 (day) March (month), 2017, at 14 (hr) 00 (min)

Date for Part 2: 30 (day) March (month), 2016, at 15 (hr) 00 (min)

Date for Part 3: 30 (day) March (month), 2017, at 16 (hr) 00 (min)

Date for Part 4: 30 (day) March (month), 2017, at 17 (hr) 00 (min)

Date for Part 5: 30 (day) March (month), 2017, at 18 (hr) 00 (min)

22. Additional criteria and information:

- **22.1.** Contracting Authority provides the name of those organizations in the Documentation pursuant to PPA § 73 (4) which could supply Tenderer with information on requirements under PPA § 73 (4) which must be met during performance.
- **22.2.** With respect to PPA § 47 (2) any document enclosed in the original Tender may be submitted in a simple copy. Contracting Authority prescribes the submission of originals or certified copies of such statements only that serve directly as the basis for the enforcement of a claim. Contracting Authority prescribes the original of the statement pursuant PPA § 66 (2).
- 22.3. The Tender shall be submitted in 1 single copy on paper in a sealed envelope to the address provided herein up until the expiry of the deadline in person or by postal service.
- 22.4. The Tender shall contain a Reading Sheet which contains all the information specified in PPA § 68 (4) (the names and addresses (seat, permanent residence) of Tenderers, as well as the main quantifiable particulars related to each Part to be assessed based on the evaluation criteria).
- **22.5.** Tenderer shall make a statement in the Tender with respect to PPA § 66 (2) and (4).
- 22.6. Statements as per PPA § 66 (6) are not required.
- **22.7.** Contracting Authority calls Tenderers' attentions to the fact that for any time limit in the procedure the Central European Time is authoritative.
- **22.8.** Contracting Authority neither allows nor requires the setting up of a business organization (project company) for the performance of the contract.
- **22.9.** Subject to Section 13 of Government Decree 321/2015. (X. 30.) if an amendment notification proceeding is in progress, then the Tender shall contain the amendment notification submitted and the document in which the Court of Registration has confirmed the receipt of such amendment notification.
- **22.10.** Supplementary information shall be transmitted electronically pursuant to PPA § 56 (1)-(5).
- **22.11.** Contracting Authority does not require tender security as a prerequisite for finalized tenders.
- 22.12. The Tender shall contain the sample signature countersigned by an attorney-at-law or the specimen signature of the person who is to sign the Tender documents on behalf of and representing the Tenderer. If the Tender is not signed by the duly authorized person (duly authorized representative in case of companies), then a power of attorney (proxy) shall also be enclosed. The power of attorney shall contain the sample signature of the person thus empowered by the duly authorized person or representative to sign the Tender. Contracting Authority uses the terms specimen signature / sample

signature within the meaning of Section 9 (2) of Act V of 2006. If Tenderer does not fall under the scope of Act V of 2006, then a document which include the following shall be submitted: 1) name of Tenderer, 2) name of the representative, and 3) the grounds for representation (e.g. executive officer), 4) signature of the representative, and 5) bearing notarial authentication or is countersigned by an attorney.

22.13. If Tenderer has any comments or amendment requests regarding the Technical Specifications or Draft Contract, please enclose them as specific suggestions as to each Part in a text like manner (as far as possible on an electric data carrier, in an editable *.doc form with a track changes version)

in order to facilitate negotiations.

22.14. Also, please enclose your Licence Agreement with respect to any of the three Parts in your Tender if applicable indicating to which Part it applies to. If no such Agreement is enclosed as to any of the Parts, or delivered to Contracting Authority up until the close of the negotiations, it shall be deemed that no Licence Agreement is to be applied.

23. Date of dispatch for the Invitation to Tender

7 March, 2017

On behalf of Contracting Authority:

PUBLIC CONSULTING Kft.

Public Consulting Kft. represented by Diána Kretter dr. managing director