

Competitive Tendering of the Library System in the Helsinki Metropolitan Area, Interim Decision Regarding Participants

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Scope of the Procurement

The cities of Helsinki, Espoo, Vantaa and Kauniainen are jointly organising a public procurement tendering competition for a SaaS (Software as a Service) Library System, including implementation, configuration, deployment, integrations, data migration, support, training and maintenance.

Procurement Procedure

The procurement is carried out in accordance with the Act on Public Procurement and Concession Contracts (1397/2016, *as amended*, hereinafter referred to as the "**Act on Public Procurement**").

The procurement procedure is a competitive negotiated procedure in accordance with section 36 of the Act on Public Procurement. This is a procurement that exceeds the EU threshold value in accordance with section 26 of the Act on Public Procurement.

A contract notice for the procurement was published on 19 April 2025 in the electronic HILMA notification channel www.hankintailmoitukset.fi, as well as a repair notice on 27 April 2025. The contract notice and its appendices describe the course of the procedure.

Assessment of the Suitability of Candidates and Selection of Tenderers

In accordance with the contract notice, the deadline for submitting applications to participate was 20 May 2025 at 16:00 Finnish time. Six (6) applications to participate were received by the deadline from the following candidates:

- Axiell Finland Oy
- BW ECOMMERCE PRIVATE LIMITED
- EBSCO International, Inc
- Innovative Interfaces Incorporated
- LIBSYS LIMITED
- Systematic Oy Finland

The issues concerning the suitability and selection criteria of the candidates were defined in the contract notice and its appendices. All applications to participate and the references provided in them were checked and verified.

It was found that the candidates BW ECOMMERCE PRIVATE LIMITED and LIBSYS LIMITED do not meet the requirements set forth in the contract notice and have been excluded from the public procurement procedure, the grounds for which have been sent to the candidates in question.

All other candidates were found to meet the requirements set forth in the contract notice. In accordance with the contract notice and its appendices, all candidates who meet the suitability requirements set in the contract notice and its appendices will be selected for the negotiations.

Authority

According to Section 5 of the Corporate Group Administration Procedures, the Director of Legal Affairs decides on joint procurements of the City and other joint procurements.

Decision

Director of Legal Affairs decided to accept the following candidates to participate in the competitive negotiated procedure:

- Axiell Finland Oy
- EBSCO International, Inc
- Innovative Interfaces Incorporated
- Systematic Oy Finland

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Candidates

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