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Procurement Decision of New England Journal of Medicine and Nejm Evidence 2024-2026

Background and basis for the Decision

According to the Finnish Act on Public Procurement and Concession Contracts (1397/2016; Procurement Act) state and municipal authorities and other contracting entities shall arrange competitive tendering of their procurements and concession contracts as provided in the Act. As an institution of public law character defined in the Act, SOTE Virtuaalikirjasto Oy complies with the regulation.

SOTE Virtuaalikirjasto has tendered New England Journal of Medicine and Nejm Evidence for the next three (3) years (2024–2023) as a service procurement below the thresholds, in accordance with Annex E of the Finnish Act on Public Procurement and Concession Contracts, Law 1397/2016. The applicable CPV-codes are primarily codes 9251100-6 and 92510000-9; and secondarily codes 79995000-5 and 79995100-6.

The purpose of the procurement is to obtain NEJM (New England Journal of Medicine, ISSN 1533-4406) online only required and used by the Wellbeing counties listed in the Appendix 1. The purpose of the procurement is to ensure equal access to scientific resources for all non-university Wellbeing counties in Finland.

SOTE Virtuaalikirjasto has tendered Nejm and Nejm Evidence for the next three (3) years (2024–2026). SOTE Virtuaalikirjasto has tendered offers directly to suppliers.

The request for tender was sent by email to three (3) tenderers on November 3, 2023.

The deadline for receiving offers was 13 November 2023 at: 15:00.

Two (2) tenders were received by the deadline. All the tenderers met the set eligibility requirements.

The final choice was determined based on the price.

The best price was achieved by Wolters Kluwer with a price of 177 539 €. Ebsco International took second place with 183 029,90 €, for three years. Yearly prices are listed below.

The price for 2024 EUR 55 767

The price for 2025 EUR 59 112

The price for 2026 EUR 62 660

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SOTE Virtuaalikirjasto has decided to purchase NEJM (New England Journal of Medicine, ISSN 1533-4406) online only for 36 months as per offer of Wolters Kluwer.

The total value of the acquisition for the period 1.1.2024–31.12.2026 is EUR 177 539 (VAT 0%).

This decision is not an agreement. SOTE Virtuaalikirjasto makes a separate subscription agreement with the NEJM (New England Journal of Medicine, ISSN 1533-4406).

As a procurement below the thresholds, this procurement decision is not subject to appeal to the Market Court.


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APPENDIX 1 List of organizations subscribing New England Journal of Medicine for 2024