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Immediate Release

Dawson Wins National Tender to Supply All Higher Education Libraries in England.

Dawson Books is delighted to announce that it has been appointed by the new English University Joint Purchasing Consortia to supply all English universities with their Books, eBooks, Standing Orders, Out of Print Materials and other media requirements for the next four years. Dawson is one of a number of preferred suppliers awarded this contract. The tender is worth approaching £35 million and represents an important reappointment in all the consortia involved. Of the six lots awarded, Dawson was successful in all six - affirmation of the high service levels for which Dawson is known.

Dawson has a great deal to offer the libraries through enhanced services and the latest collection development tools. The new web resource 'dawsonenter.com' which will come on stream through the autumn term, brings revolutionary utility and sophistication to all aspects of book selection and acquisition.

Diane Kerr, Managing Director comments, "The Dawson team is dedicated to providing excellence in service and technical innovation for our library partners. We are particularly pleased to be chosen for eBooks, a great endorsement of our vision and investment in bringing dawsonera to market. We very much look forward to working with our library partners".

Susan Wright, Head of SUPC said, "Our tender evaluation had a strong focus on innovation, workflow efficiencies, technical merit and costs. The bid from Dawson met our requirements in every respect".

About the Joint Academic Consortia Agreement

In December 2008 the five English regional academic consortia agreed to jointly tender for the supply of English Language Books, eBooks, Standing Orders, European Language Materials, Out of Print Books, Retail and Alternative Media with a view to moving to new arrangements as existing agreements expire. Members comprise the London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC); the Midland Universities Academic Libraries (MUAL); the North West Academic Libraries (NoWAL); the North East & Yorkshire Academic Libraries (NEYAL) and the Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium. The award made on behalf of the member consortia by the SUPC takes effect from 3 August 2009.

About Dawson Books

Dawson Books is a long established company specialising in the supply of books and complementary services to libraries around the world.

Dawson Books is part of Dawson Holdings plc. Following a reorganisation of the latter, it now operates as an independent subsidiary with its own funding. It employs 180 staff, last year reporting revenues of £46 million. Dawson Books is headquartered in large modern purpose-built premises in central England. There are sister companies in Paris and Madrid.

For more information on Dawson Books please access our website www.dawsonbooks.co.uk

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