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## **Janet Network Internet Connectivity for NCG**

NCG Corporation

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

NCG Corporation

Scotswood Road

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE

NE47SA

#### **Email**

[procurement@ncgrp.co.uk](mailto:procurement@ncgrp.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

#### **UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)**

10004599

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ncgrp.co.uk](http://www.ncgrp.co.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Janet Network Internet Connectivity for NCG

Reference number

NCG241101DA

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72400000 - Internet services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Access to the Janet network for internet connectivity and security for all NCG sites.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Access to the Janet network for internet connectivity and security for all NCG sites, currently 17 connections however this may vary over the life of the contract.

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

JISC are the only provider of internet connectivity via the education sector specific Janet network. The following are provided as standard via the Janet network:

- Connections to the Janet network are monitored and protected by a Cyber Security response (CSIRT) team who will provide alerts to NCG.
- Every connection to the Janet network benefits from a DDoS Mitigation Service, which detects and prevents cyber-attack traffic.
- Direct peering between the Janet Network and major service providers such as Apple, Google, Microsoft, BBC, Netflix and Dropbox meaning traffic from a connected college will not traverse the public internet.
- Direct peering with the NCG SIP telephony provider Gamma.
- Inbuilt response policy zone (RPZ) functionality, mitigating the risk of a user's web requests being directed to compromised or dangerous websites.
- Secure and seamless internet access across locations and devices through eduroam.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## Section V. Award of contract/concession

### Title

Janet Network Internet Connectivity for NCG

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

16 January 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

JISC Services Limited

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NB

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK - South West (England)

Companies House

05747339

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £500,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

NCG Corporation

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE4 7SA

Country

United Kingdom