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Award

Janet Network Internet Connectivity for NCG

NCG Corporation

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d3e9

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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

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC22 - Tyneside

UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number)

10004599

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ncgrp.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

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

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NCG Corporation

Newcastle upon Tyne

NE4 7SA

Country

United Kingdom