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## **Network Equipment Framework**

Jisc Services Ltd

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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#### **Country**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

Jisc Services Ltd

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.jisc.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/87175>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=60416&B=JISC](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=60416&B=JISC)

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

Other type

National Education and Research Network Provider

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Network Equipment Framework

Reference number

Proc2023

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32420000 - Network equipment

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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Full scope available within the tender document.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £150,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Cisco equipment or equivalent

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32420000 - Network equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial term of 2 years, followed by two possible extensions of one year each. So 2+1+1, to a maximum term of 4 years.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Extreme equipment or equivalent

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32420000 - Network equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

HPE (including Aruba) equipment or equivalent

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32420000 - Network equipment

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NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom



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### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Juniper equipment or equivalent

Lot No

4

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32420000 - Network equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Palo Alto equipment or equivalent

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32420000 - Network equipment

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NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Fortinet equipment or equivalent

Lot No

6

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32420000 - Network equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

InfoBlox equipment or equivalent

Lot No

7

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### **II.2.1) Title**

Netscout equipment or equivalent

Lot No

8

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#### **II.2.1) Title**

Other network equipment

Lot No

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The scope of the framework covers purchases by JSL, Jisc, any Jisc subsidiaries and its members. It also covers purchases by Higher Education institutions, Further Education and Specialist Colleges Research Council establishments in the UK, Charities and Third sector organisations, and by any other organisations connected to or eligible to connect to the Janet network, including Local Authorities, Regional Broadband Consortia, or other bodies whose core purpose is the support or advancement of further or higher education or of research.

Many of the above organisations are members of higher and further education purchasing consortia. These consortia are independent organisations that provide a wide range of collaborative purchase agreements to their member institutions. Any member of one of these consortia will be eligible to purchase from this framework by virtue of its membership, as will members of any other similar purchasing consortium in higher or further education that might be formed during the lifetime of the framework.

Membership lists for existing higher and further education purchasing consortia may be found at:

<https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list>

<https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>

<http://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>

<http://www.neupc.ac.uk/members>

<http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/members/>

<http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#/members>

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Full scope available within the tender document

## **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial term of 2 years, followed by two possible extensions of one year each. So 2+1+1, to a maximum term of 4 years.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 70

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

20 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

20 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Jisc Services Ltd

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NB

Email

[Procurement@Jisc.ac.uk](mailto:Procurement@Jisc.ac.uk)

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Jisc Services Ltd will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 article 91 provides for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).