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Tender

Telecommunications Framework

Jisc

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

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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=62086&B=JISC

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=62086&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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Telecommunications Framework

Reference number

Proc2130

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The framework agreements envisaged are for transmission services, including (but not limited to) leased circuits, dark fibre, wide area Ethernet and xDSL. Leased circuits and wide area Ethernet services are typically required at bandwidths of 1Gbit/s and above. Organisations entitled to use the Framework may wish to procure circuits with a range of bandwidths including lower bandwidth circuits. Whilst bidders might be asked to supply lower bandwidth circuits on occasion entry to the framework will be limited to bidders that can supply a minimum of 1Gbit/s circuits.

Potential bidders will be invited to provide a response to one or both lots.

Lot 1: Managed Transmission Services

In Lot 1, JSL wishes to establish framework agreements with bidders that can supply managed transmission services.

Lot 2: Dark Fibre

In Lot 2, JSL wishes to establish framework agreements with bidders that can supply dark fibre.

Full scope can be found in the tender documentation.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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

Managed Circuits Only

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In Lot 1, JSL wishes to establish framework agreements with bidders that can supply managed transmission services.

A maximum of 5 suppliers will be appointed to Lot 1.

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>

HEAnet - Who We Are

Services may also be provided to other National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) internationally and onward to their respective customers, either directly or via GÉANT. GÉANT Home (geant.org)

Full scope can be found in the tender documentation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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 is 2 years followed by two extensions of 1 year, up to the 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

Dark Fibre

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

In Lot 2, JSL wishes to establish framework agreements with bidders that can supply dark fibre.

A maximum of 5 suppliers will be appointed to Lot 2.

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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

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: 10

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

17 April 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

17 April 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

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Bristol

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Procurement@Jisc.ac.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Jisc Services Limited 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).