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Award

## **Vercel Licences**

Jisc

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

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

05747339

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.jisc.ac.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**

Vercel Licences

Reference number

Proc2550

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

- 72415000 - World wide web (www) site operation host services

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

Services

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

The Online Surveys product, which is built and maintained by JSL, has historically used Vercel to host the application. The functionality is interwoven with the internal infrastructure and bespoke build of the application and as such transition to another provider would require that the product is rewritten.

#### **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: 96,000 USD

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

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

- 72415000 - World wide web (www) site operation host services

#### **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**

Price

#### **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.2.14) Additional information**

The Online Surveys product has been configured in such a way that it only has functionality with Vercel. Therefore JSL is clear that the arrangement falls within competition is absent for technical reasons, contained within Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015, permitting JSL to enter into direct award

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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:

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#### 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

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 May 2024

#### 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

Vercel Inc

440 N. BARRANCA AVE #4133

COVINA, CA

91723

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

167111591

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 96,000 USD

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

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#### **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 suppliers. This notification provides information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for suppliers 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).