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## **Fibre and Cellular Connectivity Partner**

Jisc

F02: Contract notice

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

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

Jisc

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Bristol

BS1 6NB

#### **Contact**

Tony Claxton

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

05747339

**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=71010&B=JISC](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=71010&B=JISC)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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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**

Fibre and Cellular Connectivity Partner

Reference number

Proc2270

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

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

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

Services

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

Jisc wishes to establish an agreement with a single supplier to become the partner for Jisc for a portfolio of fibre-based and cellular connectivity solutions, including (but not limited to) the following:

- 1Gbit/s fibre-based Janet connectivity plus cellular backup based on 5G capable hardware.
- 10Gbit/s fibre-based Janet connectivity plus cellular backup based on 5G capable hardware.
- xDSL internet connectivity plus cellular backup based on 5G capable hardware.
- Cellular only internet connectivity based on 5G capable hardware.
- SIM-only cellular services.
- SD-WAN services
- Guest Wi-Fi services.
- Capability to provide 100Gbit/s services.
- VoIP services.

- National field force, able to deliver and support services in all areas of the UK.

Jisc requires the successful bidder to have the capability to provide all of these services.

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

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 32412100 - Telecommunications network

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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Jisc requires the successful bidder to have the capability to provide all of these services.

Jisc anticipates that individual orders under the agreement will use a simple process, making use of bidders' terms and conditions, subject to the presence or absence of certain terms as set out in Appendix 2 of this document.

Jisc wishes to set up an agreement that will last for a maximum overall term of eight (8) years. The initial term will be 4 years with two further extensions of 2 years each, up to the maximum term of 8 years. Individual orders placed via the agreement may last for longer than the duration of the framework agreement.

Jisc cannot guarantee and makes no representation concerning the level of expenditure through the agreement in any given year, however experience with previous agreements of this type indicates that up to £10 million may be expended during the lifetime of the agreement. It should also be noted that there will be no minimum commitment of spend through this agreement either.

#### **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: £10,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The initial term will be 4 years with two further extensions of 2 years each, up to the

maximum term of 8 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 IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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

21 August 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

21 August 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

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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 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).

