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## **Barco weConnect Solution**

Jisc

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

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

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United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

56579

**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**

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Reference number

Proc1649

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 80000000 - Education and training services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Jisc is seeking to place a contract for a multi-screen, multi-configuration remote and hybrid teaching solution enabling remote and rich interaction between teachers and students, for the benefit of the UK higher and Further education sectors.

#### **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: £4,800,000

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

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

- 800000000 - Education and training services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

A multi-screen, multi-configuration remote and hybrid teaching solution enabling remote and rich interaction between teachers and students, for the benefit of the education sector.

#### **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 contract will be for a 5 year term.

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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:

The Barco weConnect solution is the only SaaS solution that provides ALL of the functions for remote teacher and student engagement required by Jisc:

- 1) Teacher view with students split across multiple screens, with configurable groups of students on each screen.
- 2) Ability to setup different room configurations within software, eg virtual classroom, collaboration room and hybrid classroom.
- 3) Polls, quizzes and student questions
- 4) Participation analysis by student
- 5) Connection of additional audio and video inputs for concurrent use.
- 6) The ability to manage all of the above through a single web interface.

Therefore we are clear that it falls within the regulation justification 32 b) ii) where services can be supplied only by a particular economic operator as competition is absent for technical reasons.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

N/A

## **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**

24 August 2021

### **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**

Barco NV

Beneluxpark 21, 8500 Kortrijk

Kortrijk

Country

Belgium

NUTS code

- BE - Belgium

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: £4,800,000

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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).