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Contract

Telecommunications Framework

Jisc

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b37c

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Jisc

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Bristol

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Contact

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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.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 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 suppliers 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.

Bidders were invited to provide a response to one or both lots.

Lot 1: Managed Transmission Services

In Lot 1, JSL has established framework agreements with bidders that can supply managed transmission services.

Lot 2: Dark Fibre

In Lot 2, JSL has established framework agreements with bidders that can supply dark fibre.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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 has established framework agreements with bidders that can supply managed transmission services.

3 suppliers have been 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>

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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)

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

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 has established framework agreements with bidders that can supply dark fibre.

3 suppliers have been appointed to Lot 2.

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.

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

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

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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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-007702](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Lot No

1 and 2

Title

Telecommunications Framework

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Neos Networks Limited

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

SC213457

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Lot No

1 and 2

Title

Telecommunications Framework

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Telcom Networks Ltd

NorthStar, 135-141 Oldham St

Manchester

M4 1LN

Email

ella@telcom.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

190 631 121

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

3

Lot No

1 and 2

Title

Telecommunications Framework

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ITS Technology Group Limited

6600 Cinnabar Court Daresbury Park

Warrington

WA4 4GE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

08786229

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £8,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Jisc Services Ltd

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

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United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Jisc Services Limited has incorporated a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. That standstill period, was for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was 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).