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Award

Adestra Renewal

Jisc

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Jisc

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Bristol

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Contact

Tugce Zobu

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>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Adestra Renewal

Reference number

Proc2669

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Jisc seeks to enter into a contract with Adestra Upland Software. The Adestra email system is integrated with bespoke software throughout Jisc's multiple products and services, providing an automated email service and high level of data security.

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: £300,372

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training 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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Competition is absent for technical reasons. Therefore, Jisc is clear that the arrangement falls within the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights, contained within Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, permitting Jisc to enter into the direct award.

- A re-engineering of these integrations would require an investment which would outweigh the value of a replacement service. Re-engineering would have to take place over an extensive period and could lead to interruptions in service, decreased capacity of staff – through extensive re-training programme, and possible data loss or higher risks to data security. Undertaking these activities would mean that other core projects for the business such as CRM alignment would also suffer.-

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

1

Title

Adestra Upland Software Renewal

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 September 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

Adestra Upland Software

16 Great Queen Street, Covent Garden

London

WC2B 5AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

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: £300,372

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Jisc 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).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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