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Award

Third Iron Complete incorporating BrowZine and LibKey (Includes LibKey Discovery, LibKey Link, LibKey Nomad and LibKey.io) 2024-2026

Jisc Services Limited

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Jisc Services Limited

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NB

Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

02881024

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**

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Reference number

Proc2355

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 800000000 - Education and training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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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: £282,514.16

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

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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:
 - protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

Explanation:

Third Iron is the rightsholder and sole supplier of these resources. Therefore Jisc is clear that the arrangement falls within the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights, contained within Regulation 32 (2) (b) (iii) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, permitting Jisc to enter into the direct award.

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

9 October 2023

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

BZ DISC Incorporated

P.O.BOX 270400

St Paul

55127

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

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: £282,514.16

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Jisc Services Limited

4 Portwall Lane

Bristol

BS1 6NB

Country

United Kingdom

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).