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UKRI-5282 Provision of Netpaths to STFC

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

UKRI-5282

Description

This procurement provides secure, cost-effective Netpaths connectivity to STFC via the JANET network. The services support critical international research collaborations, including high-capacity links for the Worldwide LHC Computing Grid and the LOFAR radio astronomy programme.

Contract 1. UKRI-5282 Provision of Netpaths to STFC

Supplier

- JISC Services Limited

Contract value

- £750,000 excluding VAT
- £900,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

5 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 January 2026 to 31 July 2029
- 3 years, 6 months, 26 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

The contract will be awarded via a Single Source Direct Award, as the use of alternative suppliers would result in disproportionate technical compatibility challenges, and no suitable substitutes are available that can fully meet the organisation's operational and technical requirements.

Supplier

JISC Services Limited

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government