

UK-Didcot: internet services  
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Contract notice  
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

## Section I: Contracting authority

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### I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The JNT Association  
Postal address: Lumen House, Library Avenue  
Town: Didcot  
Postal code: OX11 0SG  
Country: United Kingdom  
For the attention of: Procurement Co-ordinator  
E-mail: [procurement@ja.net](mailto:procurement@ja.net)  
Telephone: +44 1235822200  
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#### Internet address(es):

Address of the buyer profile: [www.ja.net](http://www.ja.net)

#### Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

#### Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address

### I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Other: National education and research network provider

### I.3. Main activity

Education

### I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

## Section II: Object of the contract

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### II.1. Description

#### II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

High Bandwidth Global Internet Transit Service.

#### II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 5: Telecommunications services

NUTS code

#### II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

#### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

#### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Internet services. Internet service providers ISP. Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment. To extend the reach of facilities provided to its users, JANET(UK) has established access from Janet to the global Internet. JANET(UK) has implemented this by a fourfold approach:

1. peering with commercial Internet Service Providers (ISP) in the UK;
2. establishing interconnectivity to networks operated by similar academic and research organisations in other European countries and around the world via GÉANT;
3. procuring transit in London through two ISPs to the global Internet; and
4. procuring transit in Manchester through one ISP to the global Internet.

It is one of the suppliers for the third part of the provision which JANET(UK) is seeking to replace through this procurement.

#### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

72400000 Internet services, 72411000 Internet service providers ISP, 32000000 Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment

#### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

#### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

#### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

### **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

Janet currently interconnects and provides wide-area network services to all Higher Education Institutions, Further Education Colleges and Research Council establishments in the UK. Connections are also provided to other organisations, including those in both the public and commercial sectors, which work in collaboration with these bodies in the areas of education, training or research.

In addition, Janet provides wide-area backbone and associated national services to each of the Regional Broadband Consortia and to a number of Local Authorities in England, particularly in the context of the schools' National Education Network. Similar services are currently provided to the GLOW schools' network in Scotland. Janet provides services as well to the PSBA Network in Wales and the Classroom 2000 network in Northern Ireland. Janet services are also provided to a number of Local Authorities, Local Education Authorities and Unitary Authorities to serve the needs of personal and community development education, and for other activities of the Authorities which are of benefit to the public, primarily but not exclusively in the context of education and training.

The JANET Eligibility Policy defines the conditions under which any organisation is eligible for JANET services. The present Eligibility Policy is available at: <http://www.ja.net/documents/publications/policy/eligibility-policy.pdf>

The global Internet transit service to be procured will serve the needs of all classes of organisation and activity described in this policy, and with the potential to serve other classes of public-sector organisation or activity that may be identified as a result of local, central or devolved government initiatives during the lifetime of the resulting contract.

## **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options: JANET(UK) is seeking an initial two-year contract term, with the possibility of extension for up to a further year.

## **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

### **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Duration in months: 24 (from the award of the contract)

## **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

#### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

#### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: The Authority will apply all the offences listed in Article 45(1) of Directive 2004/18/EC (implemented as Regulation 23(1) of the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2006 in the UK) and all of the professional misconducts listed at Article 45 (2) of Directive 2004/18/EC (see also Regulation 23(2) in the PCR 2006) to the decision of whether a Candidate is eligible to be invited to tender.

A full list of the Regulation 23(1) and 23(2) criteria are at <http://www.delta-esourcing.com/delta/project/reasonsForExclusion.html#pcr>.

Candidates will be required to answer these questions as part of the qualification process. For candidates who are registered overseas, you will need to declare if you have any offences /misconduct under your own countries laws, where these laws are equivalent to the Regulation 23 lists.

Candidates who have been convicted of any of the offences under Article 45(1) are ineligible and will not be selected to bid, unless there are overriding requirements in the general interest for doing so.

Candidates who are guilty of any of the offences, circumstances or misconduct under Article 45 (2) may be excluded from being selected to bid at the discretion of the Authority.

Suppliers must provide evidence of financial and economic standing, as specified in article 47 of EU Directive 2004/18/EC.

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: The supplier's total charges in any year (including installation charges) shall be 20 % or less of the supplier's annual turnover (averaged over the last three years).

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:  
As per the Operational Requirements MR5 and MR6.

#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

##### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

##### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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#### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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Open

##### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

##### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

#### **IV.2. Award criteria**

##### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

##### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

##### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

##### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

##### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 23.2.2012 - 12:00

Payable documents: no

##### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

24.2.2012 - 12:00

##### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

##### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

##### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 24.2.2012 - 12:00

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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#### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Yearly.

#### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:

no

#### **VI.3. Additional information**

Each interested supplier is required to register its intention to submit a response to the operational requirement via the Janet e-tendering opportunities portal at: <https://tenders.ja.net>. GO Reference: GO-201213-PRO-3634213.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

###### **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Official name: JANET (UK)

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Country: United Kingdom

Telephone: +44 1235822220

##### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: JANET(UK) will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (SI 2006 No 5) provide 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 NorthernIreland).

##### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: JANET (UK)

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##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

3.1.2012