

**United Kingdom-Didcot: Certification services**  
**OJ S 228/2013 23/11/2013**  
**Contract notice**  
**Services**

**Directive 2004/18/EC**

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Jisc Collections and Janet Limited  
Postal address: Lumen House, Library Avenue  
Town: Didcot  
Postal code: OX11 0SG  
Country: United Kingdom  
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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: [www.ja.net](http://www.ja.net)  
Electronic access to information: <https://tenders.ja.net>  
Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: <https://tenders.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**

Janet Certificate Service Supply and Operation.

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

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

NUTS code UKJ14 Oxfordshire

**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)**

Janet(UK) wishes to establish a managed X.509 PKI digital certificate service for its customers.

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

79132000 Certification services, 79132100 Electronic signature certification services

#### **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(UK) wishes to establish a managed X.509 PKI digital certificate service for its customers; to replace the TCS service currently being provided through TERENA. This allows Janet(UK) to issue an unlimited number of SSL certificates for a flat fee; in the order of 40,000 certificates since TCS commenced in 2009.

Whilst Janet(UK) is primarily concerned with the provision of SSL certificates, it is also interested in proposals for the provisioning of client (personal) and code-signing certificates. In addition, the possibility to issue International Grid Trust Federation (IGTF) compliant certificates would be considered an advantage.

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

Options: yes

Description of options: Janet(UK) wishes to award a contract providing an initial three years of service with the possibility of up to two extensions for a further two years each subject to performance review.

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

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: 2

In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:

in months: 48 (from the award of the contract)

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

Duration in months: 84 (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**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

## **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: Grounds for discretionary rejection as set out in Article 45 items 2(a), (b), (c), (d) and (g) of EU directive 2004/18/EC:

(a) is bankrupt or is being wound up, where his affairs are being administered by the court, where he has entered into an arrangement with creditors, where he has suspended business activities or is in any analogous situation arising from a similar procedure under national laws and regulations

(b) is the subject of proceedings for a declaration of bankruptcy, for an order for compulsory winding up or administration by the court or of an arrangement with creditors or of any other similar proceedings under national laws and regulations,

(c) has been convicted by a judgement which has the force of res judicata in accordance with the legal provisions of the country of any offence concerning his professional conduct,

(d) has been guilty of grave professional misconduct proven by any means which the contracting authorities can demonstrate,

(g) is guilty of serious misrepresentation in supplying the information required under this section or has not supplied such information,

Grounds for mandatory rejection as set out in Regulation 23(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006:

(a) conspiracy within the meaning of section 1 or 1A of the Criminal Law Act 1977 or article 9 or 9A of the Criminal Attempts and Conspiracy (Northern Ireland) Order 1983 where that conspiracy relates to participation in a criminal organisation as defined in Article 2 of Council Framework Decision 2008/841/JHA,

(b) corruption within the meaning of section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Corrupt Practices Act 1889 or section 1 of the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906 where the offence relates to active corruption,

(c) the offence of bribery, where the offence relates to active corruption,

(d) fraud, where the offence relates to fraud affecting the European Communities' financial interests as defined by Article 1 of the Convention on the protection of the financial interests of the European Communities, within the meaning of—

(i) the offence of cheating the Revenue,

(ii) the offence of conspiracy to defraud,

(iii) fraud or theft within the meaning of the Theft Act 1968, the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969, the Theft Act 1978 or the Theft (Northern Ireland) Order 1978,

(iv) fraudulent trading within the meaning of section 458 of the Companies Act 1985, article 451 of the Companies (Northern Ireland) Order 1986 or section 993 of the Companies Act 2006,

(v) fraudulent evasion within the meaning of section 170 of the Customs and Excise Management Act 1979 or section 72 of the Value Added Tax Act 1994,

(vi) an offence in connection with taxation in the European Union within the meaning of section 71 of the Criminal Justice Act 1993,

(vii) destroying, defacing or concealing of documents or procuring the execution of a valuable

security within the meaning of section 20 of the Theft Act 1968 or section 19 of the Theft Act (Northern Ireland) 1969,

(viii) fraud within the meaning of section 2, 3 or 4 of the Fraud Act 2006 or

(ix) making, adapting, supplying or offering to supply articles for use in frauds within the meaning of section 7 of the Fraud Act 2006,

(e) money laundering within the meaning of section 340(11) of the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002,

(f) any other offence within the meaning of Article 45(1) of the Public Sector Directive as defined by the national law of any relevant State.

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

List and brief description of conditions: The supplier shall provide evidence of financial and economic standing, as specified in Article 47 of EU directive 2004/18/EC.

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

### **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**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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

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competitive dialogue

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

Envisaged minimum number 3: and Maximum number 6

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

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

### **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: 20.12.2013 - 12:00

Payable documents: no

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

23.12.2013 - 12:00

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

7.3.2014

**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**

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

Date: 4.4.2014 - 12:00

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**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 PQQ via the Janet e-tendering opportunities portal at <https://tenders.ja.net>

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

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

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

21.11.2013