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# Amazon Web Services (AWS)

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**Arcus Global portal to AWS**

After having run for almost 4 years, the current Arcus Global framework is coming to the end of its lifetime and will finish on 9 August 2018.

Under the Jisc Cloud Services portfolio, Jisc now offer the GÉANT Infrastructure as a Service (IaaS) framework, providing you with an EU directive compliant procurement route to purchase cloud services including AWS.

The GÉANT IaaS Framework [1] facilitates the purchase of IaaS cloud services, including AWS. Azure and cloud services from other providers.

There are 3 suppliers for AWS on the framework. Using the framework, you can make a direct award to any participating supplier. Alternatively, you can run a mini-competition if something other than standard services are required. Jisc apply a 3.5% administration fee for using the framework.

Here are some of the advantages of using the GÉANT framework:

- A national compliance due diligence assessment of the framework has been carried out, ensuring its suitability for UK users
- Jisc has worked closely with GÉANT to ensure GDPR compliancy
- Jisc can assist in obtaining prices from suppliers so that comparisons can be made
- Jisc acts as an escalation point to suppliers should any issues arise

Benefits of the framework include:

- access to discounts that would not otherwise be obtained
- procurement was run under EU procurement directives
- contracts are set up in accordance with UK law
- eliminates the need to run your own procurement
- direct award can be made to any participating supplier
- make the most of the high capacity, low latency Janet network
- benefit form simplicity of single sign-on”

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