

## JANET VPN Project

In November 2005 UKERNA has launched the JANET Virtual Private Network (VPN) project, with the aim of investigating the requirements for a centrally managed JANET VPN service and the feasibility of implementing such a service across the JANET backbone and regional networks. The project will investigate a broad spectrum of possible VPN services and technologies that are currently, and in the near future, will be available, and will explore the use of VPNs within the academic and commercial environment. In order to commence the initial investigations, two documents have been produced describing the functionality, benefits and scenarios of possible use of VPN services – one aimed at technical engineers and the other at network managers and end users.