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Contract

## **England's Connected Heartland (ECH) - Railway Project**

Oxfordshire County Council

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046be9

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Oxfordshire County Council

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKH11 - Peterborough

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

England's Connected Heartland (ECH) - Railway Project

Reference number

DN725782

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

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

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

On behalf of England's Connected Heartland 5G Innovation Region (ECH 5GIR), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) intends to procure a contract for a single Supplier to install and operate 5G mobile private network managed services for Rail Lines in the ECH region.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £2,681,357

**II.2) Description****II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32400000 - Networks
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 44212200 - Towers, lattice masts, derricks and pylons
- 45231600 - Construction work for communication lines
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment
- 72100000 - Hardware consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKH11 - Peterborough
- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC
- UKH21 - Luton
- UKH24 - Bedford
- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire
- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

On behalf of England's Connected Heartland 5G Innovation Region (ECH 5GIR), Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) intends to procure a contract for a single Supplier to install and operate 5G mobile private network managed services for Rail Lines in the ECH region.

The procurement will evaluate tenders based on the specification for a scenario deployment for the East West Rail Line (Bicester to Bletchley), with the possibility to extend the network to further locations during the term.

The network will underpin a wide array of applications, from providing passenger Wi-Fi and Point of Sale applications, rail operations, real-time information services to support the technological needs of the rail line, and smart agricultural applications for trackside neighbours.

We invite interested parties to review this notice and consider the opportunity to contribute to a project that promises to enhance connectivity along the East West Rail Line (Bicester to Bletchley) and set a model for similar networks elsewhere in the UK and beyond.

The Contract has a term of 7 years and there are options to extend the Initial Term for periods up to a maximum of three years.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-016696](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Lot No**

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

26 November 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

AWTG Limited

8 Canham Mews, Canham Road,

London,

W3 7SR

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH11 - Peterborough

The contractor is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,681,357

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court of Justice

The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom