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Tender

INDEPENDENT ASSESSOR TO THE SHARED RURAL NETWORK (SRN)

Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Services-furnished-by-business%2C-professional-and-specialist-organisations./64D9D29XJ7>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Recreation, culture and religion

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

INDEPENDENT ASSESSOR TO THE SHARED RURAL NETWORK (SRN)

Reference number

102282

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 98110000 - Services furnished by business, professional and specialist organisations

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

DCMS is seeking to Appoint an individual that will provide an assessment of the MNO's capabilities to deliver their objectives within the SRN programme. The role of the Independent Assessor is to monitor the progress of the TNS deployment, through the DMSL's TNS Delivery Framework and in line with Ofcom's Notice of Compliance Verification Methodology. The Independent Assessor will provide external scrutiny and challenge to DMSL as they deliver SRN. The Contract will be in place from 26 March 2021 to 25 March 2026 - A contract term of 5 years , with The total budget, is proposed at £250,000 (exclusive of VAT) with an the option of an extension for a further 12 months.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services

- 32412000 - Communications network
- 32412100 - Telecommunications network
- 32412110 - Internet network

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - UNITED KINGDOM

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

DCMS is seeking to appoint an SRN Independent Assessor who will provide an assessment of the MNO's capabilities to deliver their objectives within the SRN programme. The Shared Rural Network will provide coverage to 280,000 premises and 16,000km of roads, with the biggest improvements in Scotland, Northern Ireland, and Wales.

There will also be further indirect improvements over time, including a boost to 'in car' coverage on around 45,000 km of road, and better indoor coverage in around 1.2m business premises and homes.

The Contract will be in place from 26 March 2021 to 25 March 2026 - A contract term of 5 years , with the option of an extension for a further 12 months. The Project has a total budget of £250,000

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

31 March 2021

End date

30 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

9 March 2021

Local time

4:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

9 March 2021

Local time

4:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

The maximum budget, including extension options, is £250,000 excluding VAT. Please note that, while not the only criteria, pricing is a key element of our evaluation criteria.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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