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## **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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**NUTS code**

UK - UNITED KINGDOM

**National registration number**

United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport>

**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

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## **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

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## **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.

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

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

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