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Planning

Provision of Wide Area Network (WAN) with Azure Express Routes (Multi- Site Connectivity)

GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.gdc-uk.org>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Wide-area-network-services./FQCM33KY53>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Health regulatory body

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Wide Area Network (WAN) with Azure Express Routes (Multi- Site Connectivity)

Reference number

GDC-2024-005

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72720000 - Wide area network services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to give advance notice that the General Dental Council (GDC) intends to undertake a tendering exercise for the provision of Wide Area Network (WAN) of internet access across the Councils two locations in London and Birmingham. We intend to use this notice to engage providers in written and or face to face interactions . This will give the GDC a better understanding of what is presently obtainable in the market in terms of price, technology and general trend. We intend to engage three providers in discussions on the 26th February 2024. This will be on first come first served basis. The WAN is expected to provide uninterrupted, fast internet access to the GDC for access to the wider world. GDC would like to take the opportunity to transit to latest technology available in the provision of this service. The WAN service will aim to deliver secure connectivity for authorised devices at GDC's locations. The scope of the service includes WAN connectivity to provide secure access to staff. The engagement with the market will be via written and or face to face communication. The GDC will communicate any engagement opportunities via the Delta e-Sourcing portal. You will need to register against this requirement on Delta e-Sourcing to receive any further information on participating in any such engagement. Please see link at section VI.3) below.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32430000 - Wide area network

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKG31 - Birmingham

Main site or place of performance

LONDON,Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

GDC's current network consist of the summary as follows: •Internet Access to the outside world, WAN (Wide Area Network) Connectivity •RA02 Network with 500/1Gb diverse routing network out from both our locations Birmingham and London – WAN and Internet Connectivity •Azure Express Routes from Birmingham and London •External IPs for Birmingham and London – x28 in total x14 each location •SIP Trunks – x30 active in Birmingham •SIP Trunks – x30 active in London. •Telephone Lines – Active and Standby with free 01/02/03 Mobile Calls x 30 Going forward supplier to note the new solution proposed should be compatible with below GDC Firewalls. • London Palo Alto 1420's x2 Active/Passive Birmingham Palo Alto 3220's x2 Active/Passive Although not network capacity issues have been identified – a pre assessment of throughput and usage would be suggested and network bearer identified accordingly taking into account future demands on bandwidth. An insight into the onboarding and transition process is crucial so GDC can understand timelines involved.

II.2.14) Additional information

The GDC has spent over £300,000 on this service over the past seven years

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 March 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-London:-Wide-area-network-services./FQCM33KY53>

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