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Planning

GMCA 267a GM One Network

Greater Manchester Combined Authority

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://www.the-chest.org.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

GMCA 267a GM One Network

Reference number

DN528650

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

Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), on behalf of partner authorities across Greater Manchester, invites suitably capable suppliers and / or digital network integrators to attend a market engagement event. The GMCA is exploring options for design, implementation, management and maintenance of a network platform to initially light up to 2,700km of dark fibre connecting circa 1,200 public sector sites across the Greater Manchester Region, with potential to extend further and connect none full fibre sites. The aspiration is for the GM One Network Platform to become the network of choice for services in Greater Manchester region.

If it is agreed to progress this initiative, GM One Network will provide partner authorities with the following key components, based on network-as-a-service consumption principles:

- A secure, software defined, network for each partnering organisation, within the overall next-generation integrated network.
- High speed resilient access to the Internet and 'Cloud' services.
- Secure interconnectivity between GM public sector organisations.
- Single automation and orchestration layer with appropriate monitoring and management access for each partner organisation's operations teams.

Two Supplier Market Engagement Events for the provision of the GM One Network Platform in Greater Manchester will take place before the end of March 2021. Interested bidders should confirm their interest via the CHEST portal <https://www.the-chest.org.uk/> by 17:00 on Wednesday 10th March 2021.

The supplier events will be used to brief the market on the anticipated procurement and assist GMCA in preparing for a procurement exercise in 2021, should the business case be approved. The GMCA reserves the right not to proceed with a procurement exercise if a viable proposition is not identified.

This PIN notice is not a call for competition, and GMCA reserves the right not to proceed to procurement.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD3 - Greater Manchester

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

12 April 2021

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

