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Tender

Iridium Satellite Modem Supply

Met Office

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

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

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Opportunities/Index?tabName=opportunities&resetFilter=True>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Weather and climate services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Iridium Satellite Modem Supply

Reference number

DN757572

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32530000 - Satellite-related communications equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

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This network was originally established in the 1990's and remains a key component of our well characterised and high quality 'reference' capability, providing much valued observations for operational forecasting, climate monitoring and key calibration data for meteorological satellites.

Marine Observation data is currently transmitted hourly over the Iridium Short Burst Data (SBD) satellite network using now obsolete Iridium 9522b SBD modems. Observations are limited to hourly due to the cost of Iridium satellite SBD data plans.

Met Office need to procure a replacement modem, with a suggested change in technology moving from Short Burst Data (SBD) to Internet Protocol (IP).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £180,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 34930000 - Marine equipment
- 32552410 - Modems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK wide.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: £180,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Renewal of the framework will be over 4 years.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

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

31 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

31 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

Place

Met Office HQ Exeter

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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