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Planning

NRTS3 National Roadside Telecommunications Service

National Highways

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

National or federal Agency/Office

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

NRTS3 National Roadside Telecommunications Service

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This opportunity relates to the provision, operation and maintenance of telecommunications services between the roadside and various central locations for National Highways , the body responsible for England's strategic road network.

The National Roads Telecommunications Services (NRTS) project currently provides services to over 30,000 end devices on 3 500 + km of the strategic road network. These telecommunications services provide connectivity between control rooms and roadside devices such as variable message signs, emergency telephones and CCTV cameras.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £650,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 45000000 - Construction work
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 64216200 - Electronic information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

England

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The current NRTS contract is due to come to an end in March 2027 and we have an exciting opportunity for new supply partner(s) who may be interested in bidding for this exciting and high value contract.

The scope of the contract includes the maintenance and deployment of NRTS services and is expected to cover cable-based, wireless and public network technologies, alongside undertaking several related service areas (for example provision of a NRTS service management system that is capable of wider use to support our management of roadside devices). Any new supply partner(s) will need to be in place at least six months before the contract end date to ensure a smooth transition of contract management and requirements.

The duration of the new contract is anticipated to be around seven years, with the option to

extend by a further two years, with a value range of between 500,000,000 GBP and 800,000,000 GBP.

Due to the broad scope of the project, it is likely that a wide range of suppliers will be needed to deliver the NRTS3 contract requirements and, taking this into account, we think this opportunity will most likely be of interest to:

- *Project management contractors;
- *Telecommunications equipment suppliers;
- *Telecommunications equipment maintainers;
- *Fixed telecommunications network operators;
- *Mobile telecommunications network operators (e.g. 4G, satellite, wireless broadband);
- *Highways infrastructure civil contractors; and
- *Small and medium enterprises with relevant specialist expertise. (It is anticipated that the contract will be awarded to 1 or more prime suppliers).

Suppliers that are interested in this opportunity should note that we use a number of bespoke systems and special conditions apply to working in a motorway environment to ensure the safety of workers and the travelling public.

Any organisation taking part in the procurement process will need to demonstrate competence in these areas.

We will be holding an Industry Day on Friday, 1st March 2024 to provide further details on NRTS and the opportunities available.

The event will be held at: 8th Floor Offices, The Cube, 196 Wharfside St, Birmingham, B1 1RN.

Please arrive at the venue from 9:30am to enable a 10:00am prompt start. We anticipate the event will last for 2 - 3 hours, with a finish no later than 13:00pm.

Please note there will be no remote access/dial-in facility available, and due to the uptake and interest from potential Bidders in this Market Segment, attendance is capped at one representative per organisation.

To register for this event, please send your expression of interest and contact details by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/vEdMC8LaR9>

The form will need to be submitted by 12:00pm on Friday 23rd February 2024. If you have any issues, please contact C&PDST@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Further information on the existing NRTS programme can be found at <https://nrtscouk/>

Please note that you DO NOT need to register on the website to view.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

27 September 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