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Tender

Development, Delivery and Support of Electronic Auction System (EAS)

OFCOM

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to 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://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

UK Independent Communications Regulator

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Development, Delivery and Support of Electronic Auction System (EAS)

Reference number

C20231650

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212470 - Auction software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This ITT sets out our requirements for the development, delivery and support in the operation of an online auction software system, “Electronic Auction System” (EAS), for our upcoming award of the 26 GHz and 40 GHz bands. These requirements will also cover the possibility of an additional clock auction that will follow the 26 GHz/40 GHz auction, which would be triggered at Ofcom’s sole discretion.

As a minimum, the service must deliver the following:

- Develop, internally test, and provide operational support for the auction software system
- Develop and provide access to a training version of the auction software system for prospective bidders
- Assure compliance of the software against the Auction Regulations

By way of background, Ofcom plans to hold a spectrum auction by FY Q1 2024/2025 to award licences for spectrum, including 2.4 GHz in the 26 GHz frequency band, and 3 GHz in the 40 GHz band.

On 13 March, Ofcom published a consultation setting out proposals for the award, which proposed a clock auction design. The proposed rules for this design are set out in the illustrative auction procedures, published at annex 9 of the award consultation. Ofcom's reasoning for these design proposals are set out in section 9 of the consultation.

We require the successful tenderer to develop the EAS in accordance with the illustrative auction procedures. These illustrative auction procedures may be amended as we finalise our auction policy through the consultation process. The system should therefore be designed flexibly to allow for quick and efficient configuration changes. The software should also be designed with ease of use for both auctioneers and bidders in mind.

The illustrative auction procedures will ultimately be written into the Auction Regulations, and the successful tenderer will need to assure compliance of the software against the final Auction Regulations. This will involve amending the EAS as necessary to incorporate any differences between the illustrative auction procedures and the final Regulations.

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)

- 79342400 - Auction services

- 79342410 - Electronic auction services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

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: £300,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

At Ofcom's absolute discretion, the Contract may be extended for up to two further periods of up to twelve months each. The maximum length of the contract is therefore four years.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will include options to extend the contract period for up to two additional periods of 12 months each, up to a maximum contract period of four years.

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Agreement will contain service levels and key performance indicators, as stated in the procurement documents.

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

17 April 2023

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

Tender must be valid until: 14 October 2023

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

17 April 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Appeal of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom