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## **Systems Integrator to design, supply, implement and support one indoor Open RAN mobile network**

Digital Catapult

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**7 June 2023, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKI31 - Camden and City of London

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.digicatapult.org.uk](http://www.digicatapult.org.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA37289](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA37289)

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research and Innovation

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Systems Integrator to design, supply, implement and support one indoor Open RAN mobile network

Reference number

P2023-114

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32400000 - Networks

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Digital Catapult is seeking to engage with an Open RAN System Integrator that has the capability to design, supply components, install, configure and commission an OpenRAN indoor network.

As part of the “Open Access” requirement, Digital Catapult must work with equipment, services and solutions from several vendors/manufacturers and does not want a position of exclusivity of supply from any one particular vendor/manufacturer, or a single-vendor solution.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

London

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Digital Catapult is establishing workstreams (WS) in 2022 and 2023 as follows:

WS1 - Building the Common Infrastructure (CI) and Reference Open RAN Mobile Networks (RORMN). The CI and the RORMN solutions are being procured separately. The Open RAN Mobile Network is covered in this procurement;

WS2 - Building the Test & Measurement Capability and vendor cohort integration and testing. This has been run as a separate procurement exercise.

The Open RAN element of WS1 will consist of an Indoor Mobile Network site in London.

To achieve an Open RAN based network on the site Digital Catapult is looking for an Open RAN System Integrator that has capability to design, supply, install, configure and integrate within the SONIC common compute and networking infrastructure.

The System Integrator shall supply all the Open RAN hardware, including radio units and cables, both fibre and ethernet, to connect radio units, as well as software-based components and related support services.

As part of the “Open Access” requirement, Digital Catapult must work with equipment, services and solutions from several vendors/manufacturers and does not want a position of exclusivity of supply from any one particular vendor/maker, or a single-vendor solution.

Full requirements and the related timelines can be found on the ITT document.

### **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: £600,000

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

Start date

30 June 2023

End date

30 October 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **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

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## **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

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## **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**

Originally published as:

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31 May 2023

Local time

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Date

7 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

31 May 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=228975](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=228975).

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facility. A user guide is available at [https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

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## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

CEDR

London

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In the first instance, all appeals should be promptly brought to the attention of Digital Catapult, and will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the

Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any appeals must be brought within the timescales specified by the applicable law, including without limitation, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the contracting authority will also incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the date information on award of contract is communicated to tenderers.



