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Contract

## **Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Regional Supplier Contract - Cumbria**

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

100 Parliament Street

London

SW1A 2BQ

#### **Contact**

Contract Management Team

#### **Email**

[bduksuppliers@bduk.gov.uk](mailto:bduksuppliers@bduk.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **NUTS code**

UKI32 - Westminster

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Regional Supplier Contract - Cumbria

Reference number

C0040

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

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

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

Services

### **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Cumbria

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme is a government programme aimed to support the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in the areas of the UK which are unlikely to attract commercial investment for gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure within a reasonable timeframe, if at all, referred to as the final 20% (f20). Building Digital UK (BDUK, an Executive agency of DCMS) will be targeting its market intervention in these areas of the UK via this subsidy award programme, to subsidise the build of gigabit-capable networks providing long-term, sustainable availability of wholesale gigabit broadband services in the hardest to reach parts of the UK. The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme builds on the success of existing programmes being delivered by BDUK to deliver gigabit-capable networks across the UK. It is envisaged this programme will last for up to 9 years and award contracts throughout that period

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

Start date

1 December 2022

End date

31 December 2033

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

2014/25/EU justification

#### **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 IV. Procedure**

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-023911](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

C0308

### **Lot No**

28

### **Title**

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Regional Supplier Contract - Cumbria

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

1 December 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Fibrus Networks GB Ltd

Belfast

BT1 3LP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £99,039,032

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

All documents concerning the Regional Supplier Contract Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ), Regional Supplier Contract ITT and Regional Supplier Contract will be available to Suppliers via our e-tendering system. Suppliers must register onto the system to have access to view these documents. Registration is free to Suppliers and the link to the e-tendering site can be found here; <https://bduk.force.com/s/Welcome>

DCMS reserves the right not to award a Regional Supplier Contract under this procurement, to cancel the procurement process at any time and to change the procurement process (including any requirement or deadline).

DCMS reserves the right not to proceed with, to cancel or to adjust the Deferred Scope as referred to in II.2.4 above, in particular as a result of the authorisation process provided for in the contract.

DCMS shall not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by Suppliers and accepts no liability for any costs, charges or expenses in relation to the process to award the Regional Supplier Contract, including if the procurement process is cancelled, amended or delayed.

Suppliers are advised that DCMS is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") If a Supplier considers that any of the information supplied as part of this procurement procedure should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, confidentiality or

otherwise, it must, when providing this information, clearly identify the specific information it does not wish to be disclosed and clearly specify the reasons for its sensitivity. DCMS shall take such statements into consideration in the event that it receives a request pursuant to the Act which relates to the information provided by the interested party. Please note that it is not sufficient to include a statement of confidentiality encompassing all the information provided in the response.

DCMS will follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) to award the Regional Supplier Contract.

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand, Holborn

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.find-court-tribunal.service.gov.uk/courts/royal-courts-of-justice>

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## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Cumbria

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme is a government programme aimed to support the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in the areas of the UK which are unlikely to attract commercial investment for gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure within a reasonable timeframe, if at all, referred to as the final 20% (f20). Building Digital UK (BDUK, an Executive agency of DCMS) will be targeting its market intervention in these areas of the UK via this subsidy award programme, to subsidise the build of gigabit-capable networks providing long-term, sustainable availability of wholesale gigabit broadband services in the hardest to reach parts of the UK. The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme builds on the success of existing programmes being delivered by BDUK to deliver gigabit-capable networks across the UK. It is envisaged this programme will last for up to 9 years and award contracts throughout that period

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

1 December 2022

End date

31 December 2033

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

The contract is divided into three stages (Stage 1 Expedited, Stage 2 build four years and Stage 3 Monitor and Clawback seven years)

### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£149,748,406

### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Fibrus Networks GB Ltd

Belfast

BT1 3LP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Following the modification, the awarded contract value has increased by £50,709,374 to £149,748,406 from the initial stage committed value. The awarded premises have increased by 21,107 to a total of 53,536 from the original 32,429 premises committed in Initial stage to achieve 99% coverage.



### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

Additional scope added to the contract in accordance with the UK subsidy control regime

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £99,039,032

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £149,748,406