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## **England's Connected Heartland Framework - PIN Notice**

Oxfordshire County Council

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

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

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**Region code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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Reference number

DN717389

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

Oxfordshire County Council intends to procure a single supplier Framework for 5G Mobile Private Networks and associated services on behalf of the England's Connected Heartland partners and to establish a Framework through which Call-Offs can be made for specific initiatives.

This PIN concerns the pre-market engagement for that procurement

Further detail will also be provided at a webinar and you can register for this via the following link (paste this into a browser)

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bde52d84-f760-409f-a602-d62eb6943528@f05d39da-26ec-4eea-b8eb-9ff1a682d5e5>

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32400000 - Networks

- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32520000 - Telecommunications cable and equipment
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 32580000 - Data equipment
- 44212200 - Towers, lattice masts, derricks and pylons
- 45231600 - Construction work for communication lines
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UKH11 - Peterborough
- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC
- UKH21 - Luton
- UKH24 - Bedford
- UKH25 - Central Bedfordshire
- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

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

The purpose of this PIN is to alert potential bidders to an opportunity in respect of services likely to be procured.

Oxfordshire County Council intends to procure a supplier of 5G Networks and associated services on behalf of the England's Connected Heartland partners and to establish a Framework through which Call-Offs can be made for specific business needs. The supplier will provide the survey, design, implementation and operation of a hybrid 5G and advanced wireless network and the delivery of use cases on the Harwell Science & Innovation Campus.

The planned procurement will cover the following activities:

- survey, design, construction, installation and testing of the private 5G networks

- solutions to address the core identified use cases, associated benefits & costs savings
- integration of the use case technology with the established 5G private network
- network capacity for growth in data consumption to enable delivery of further use cases through expansion of the scope over time
- support the campus and its tenants to implement the use cases
- supplying the necessary hardware, software and devices to support the network and the use cases
- ongoing maintenance & support
- participation in regional showcase events and development of playbooks to encourage wider use and adoption

The opportunity will be open to all suitably qualified bidders able to deliver the requirements over the long term, either as single suppliers or as a prime contractor using subcontractors to deliver some of the elements.

The council intends to issue an invitation to tender in April 2024 with a view to awarding a contract in June 2024. In the first call-off contract, the supplier will deliver a 5G Mobile Private Network at the Harwell Science & Innovation Campus by the end of March 2025.

There may be opportunities to expand the scope of services at the campus and/or additional sites during the contract term if further funding becomes available.

Further information can be obtained from the Council's procurement portal at [sebp.due-north.com](http://sebp.due-north.com).

An online market information webinar will be held 09.00-10.00 on 9th April 2024. All potential bidders are invited to attend to hear and discuss the ECH 5G Innovation Region's current procurement plans for the 5G Science & Innovation Campus Project, to ask questions, and to suggest improvements that could be made to the plans.

Potential bidders wishing to attend the webinar can do so by pasting the following link into a browser page and registering.

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/bde52d84-f760-409f-a602-d62eb6943528@f05d39da-26ec-4eea-b8eb-9ff1a682d5e5>

The Council will also provide an opportunity for short 1:1 discussions, so that commercially sensitive topics may be addressed privately. These private sessions will be

conducted to the same agenda, with each organisation given equal access time to the Council.

To participate in a 1:1 session, potential bidders are asked to register by submitting a response form, provided in the supplementary document “Supplier Response Template v1.0”, through the Council’s procurement Portal at [sebp.due-north.com](https://sebp.due-north.com).

Potential Bidders may submit clarification questions through the Portal at any time up to 12th April 2024.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

19 April 2024

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## **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

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

The England's Connected Heartland Partners are:

Oxfordshire County Council

Bracknell Forest Borough Council

Reading Borough Council

Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead

Slough Borough Council

West Berkshire District Council

Wokingham District Council

Buckinghamshire County Council

Central Bedfordshire Council

Cambridgeshire County Council...