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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

Email

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>

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

2014/24/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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

Notice number: [2024/S 000-023911](https://www.2024/S 000-023911)

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

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>

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, bringing the total to £149,748,406 from the initially committed value. The awarded premises have increased by 21,107, resulting in a total of 53,536 premises from the original 32,429 committed. These volumes, along with the commercial builds and other program approaches, will achieve the 99% coverage target. The deferred scope models have now closed.

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 adaptions and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £99,039,032

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £149,748,406