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Contract

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

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**

[gis-procurement@bduk.gov.uk](mailto:gis-procurement@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 - Cheshire

Reference number

C0367

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

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

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

Services

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

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

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Main site or place of performance

Cheshire

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

This procurement is for the award of a Regional Supplier Contract in the Cheshire region. This is part of the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme.

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, part 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.

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

Start date

21 May 2024

End date

28 February 2025

**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**

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

**Contract No**

C0367

## **Lot No**

17b

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

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

28 February 2025

#### **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**

Freedom Fibre Ltd

Freedom Fibre, Northbank House, Siemens Rd

Manchester

M44 5AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

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: £43,137,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **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

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Main site or place of performance

Cheshire

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

This procurement is for the award of a Regional Supplier Contract in the Cheshire region. This is part of the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme.

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

Start date

21 May 2024

End date

28 February 2025

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£0.01

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

Freedom Fibre Ltd

Freedom Fibre, Northbank House, Siemens Rd

Manchester

M44 5AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

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):

Termination

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

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

Termination

### **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: £43,137,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £0.01