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Contract

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Regional Supplier Contract - Cheshire

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

F20: Modification notice

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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

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 - 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

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

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>

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:

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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