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Planning

Soft Market Testing (SMT) - Secure Access Service Edge (SASE)

City of London Corporation

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Soft Market Testing (SMT) - Secure Access Service Edge (SASE)

Reference number

prj_COL_23747/pqq_COL_1943.

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72720000 - Wide area network services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is a soft market testing exercise in relation to an upcoming requirement the City of London (CoL) has for a Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) solution.

The soft market testing will involve the submission of the SMT questionnaire to be received by 12:00 on 24th April 2024 via the capitalesourcing portal (www.capitalesourcing.com).

If your organisation would like to participate in this soft market testing exercise, it should firstly complete, sign and return the Non Disclosure Agreement (NDA), via the portal, prior to being able to access the SMT questionnaire. The supplier then can complete and return the SMT Questionnaire. The SMT will be sent once the supplier has returned the NDA via: www.capitalesourcing.com, refer to the Reference number: prj_COL_23747 or pqq_COL_1943.

The City will not be held accountable for any errors made by an organisation in submitting their applicable SMT Questionnaire(s).

Participation or non-participation in the SMT shall not prevent any supplier participating in a potential future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the SMT shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

Participants will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to the SMT or failure to attend any follow up interviews that may be arranged at the absolute discretion

of the City. Participation in this SMT will be at each organisation's own cost. No expense in responding to this SMT will be reimbursed by the City.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30237110 - Network interfaces

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Guildhall, London and other City of London owned premises.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

SMT in this case is where the CoL, is at an early stage in development of its proposals but prior to formulating any formal procurement opportunity, it seeks input from the market as to what might be the most attractive way of packaging and scoping a future procurement opportunity for a Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) solution contract. This contract covers the City of London (CoL) and City of London Police (CoLP).

The City of London and associated organisations (“the City”) have a number of strategic technology workstreams and transformation programmes that require world class network connectivity, from any device, from anywhere.

As part of the future planning for a modern, high performance and hyperconnected organisation, the City will conduct a Soft Market Engagement which will offer the City the opportunity to better understand the Secure Access Service Edge (SASE) solutions market.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

10 April 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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