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Planning

Additional Network for RTGS

BANK OF ENGLAND

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

<https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login>

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

Economic and financial affairs

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Additional Network for RTGS

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

The Bank is considering the possibility of delivering an additional secured messaging network to enable participants to connect to the Bank's Real Time Gross Settlement (RTGS) system. The service is aimed to support operational resiliency by providing an additional means of payments messaging alongside that already provided by Swift. An additional network could also support ease of access to central bank money by providing new ways of connecting and leveraging RTGS.

This is a part of the Bank's long-term vision for the renewed RTGS service: to act as an open platform for the UK financial services industry to facilitate safe and efficient settlement in central bank money.

The RFI document can be found at <https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login> and includes further detail on the Bank's operations and considerations, including the information requested from interested suppliers. The deadline to respond is 16 May 2024 16:00.

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

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Bank is now looking for responses to support discovery work and identification of commercial solutions for providing an additional network. The Bank is also looking to assess the likely costs to enable the Bank to set reasonable budgets for the capabilities the network may need.

At this stage, the Bank is seeking only initial insights as to how you might provide such a network solution. It is not the intent of the Bank to compare responses for the purposes of any pre-qualification or short listing. This is a 'Request for Information' only.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 January 2026

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