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Planning

Extending High Speed Broadband Reach in Wales

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Llywodraeth Cymru / Welsh Government

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NUTS code

UKL - Wales

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Main address

<http://gov.wales>

Buyer's address

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

General public services

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Extending High Speed Broadband Reach in Wales

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45314000 - Installation of telecommunications equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

This early market engagement notice is to share the Welsh Government's intentions and evoke discussion in relation to extending the reach of high speed broadband in Wales.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £70,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32412100 - Telecommunications network
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 32520000 - Telecommunications cable and equipment
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32522000 - Telecommunications equipment
- 32523000 - Telecommunications facilities
- 32524000 - Telecommunications system
- 32562200 - Optical telecommunication cables

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services
- 45232332 - Ancillary works for telecommunications

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

Main site or place of performance

All Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Following a recent review by the Welsh Government, it has been identified that around 84,000 premises within Wales do not have access to superfast download speeds (at least 30Mbps) exacerbating the digital divide. Ofcom has previously stated that a subset of these, around 10,000 premises do not yet have access to at least 10Mbps. While there are existing interventions scheduled by the telecommunications industry and UK Government public funded interventions, these remote and hard-to-reach areas are not likely to be addressed commercially and it is not certain that they will be addressed by further publicly funded interventions.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that although 'No Lots' has been selected, the Welsh Government may nevertheless divide the Project requirements into either separate procurement exercises and/or Lots. The exact structure and scope of the procurement strategy to be adopted has not yet been

determined.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 September 2023

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

The Welsh Government is looking to hold one to one virtual (via Teams or another engagement platform) market engagement meetings with suppliers in May and June 2023 to explore possible delivery options. These meetings will be used to shape and outline Welsh Government's plans, investigate the interest of network operators and other stakeholders, and discuss and seek insights into how the Welsh Government's intended outcomes could be successfully delivered.

Those suppliers wishing to attend a meeting, are asked to consider the following non-exhaustive list of topics:

- Data Map showing the location of the 84,000 premises
(<https://datamap.gov.wales/maps/public-review-2022-next-generation-access-broadband/>)
- Market appetite and capacity to deploy
- Concerns or material issues the market may have in tendering for possible delivery options
- How delivery options could run alongside other UK Government interventions such as Project Gigabit
- Procurement approach / lotting strategy
- New and existing technology capable of delivering the requirements
- Additional factors that might make extending high speed broadband reach more attractive to the market.

To register your interest in attending a meeting please email:
NextGenerationBroadB1@gov.wales by 09th June 2023.

Please note - this PIN Notice does not commit Welsh Government to publishing a procurement and is intended for market engagement purposes only. The value of this PIN is indicative and is subject to change should Welsh Government decide to issue a procurement.

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