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## **Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)**

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

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UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://bduk.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Telecommunications

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS)

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

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

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

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme, part of Project Gigabit, 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. It is envisaged this programme will last for up to 9 years and award contracts throughout that period.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000,000

#### **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
- 32425000 - Network operating system
- 32412000 - Communications network
- 32562300 - Optical-fibre cables for data transmission
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 45231600 - Construction work for communication lines
- 45232300 - Construction and ancillary works for telephone and communication lines
- 64227000 - Integrated telecommunications services
- 45232332 - Ancillary works for telecommunications
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 50334400 - Communications system maintenance services
- 64210000 - Telephone and data transmission services
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32572000 - Communications cable
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32424000 - Network infrastructure
- 45314000 - Installation of telecommunications equipment
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 45314310 - Installation of cable laying
- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure
- 32412110 - Internet network
- 32572200 - Communications cable with coaxial conductors
- 64200000 - Telecommunications services
- 32562100 - Optical-fibre cables for information transmission

- 45314300 - Installation of cable infrastructure
- 32412100 - Telecommunications network
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

DCMS is putting a DPS (Dynamic Purchasing System) in place. The geographic scope of the DPS is UK-wide. Its focus is to target the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in the final 20% (f20) of the country that is not commercially viable for the market to design, build and operate without government intervention. Following successful admission of Suppliers onto the DPS, Suppliers can tender for Call-Off Contracts. Each Call-Off Contract will vary in terms of number of premises covered, value and geographic coverage. BDUK currently expects the average Call-Off Contract size to be around 1,000 to 8,000 premises. The DPS will be used by BDUK and will be available to the UK's Devolved Administrations to award Call-Off Contracts. Devolved Administrations refers to the National Assembly for Wales; the Scottish Government; and the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee. The UK Government has confirmed that approximately £5 billion will be allocated to target the final 20% (f20), the hardest to reach parts of the UK. BDUK will be targeting its market intervention in these areas of the UK via a programme to subsidise the design, build and operation of gigabit-capable Supplier networks providing long-term, sustainable availability of wholesale gigabit broadband services in the hardest to reach parts of the UK. Suppliers must be qualified onto the DPS to be eligible to bid for Call-Off Contracts. The competitive process for Call-Off Contracts is expected to commence in 2021. BDUK currently estimates that £1bn - £2bn of public sector funding will be awarded under the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy DPS. The provision of subsidy will be provided in accordance with the UK subsidy control regime. Applicants wishing to join the DPS must satisfy the selection criteria identified in the procurement documents. BDUK considers that this DPS may be suitable for small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of Suppliers in response to invitations to tender for agreements under the DPS will be based solely on the criteria set out in the procurement documents.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000,000

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

Start date

16 June 2021

End date

15 July 2030

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

The dynamic purchasing system might be used by additional purchasers

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

## **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

15 July 2021

Local time

1:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

All documents concerning the DPS SQ, DPS Contract and subsequent DPS Call-Off Award Procedures will be available to Suppliers via our e-tendering system. Suppliers must register onto the system to have access to view these documents. Registration is free to Suppliers and the link to the e-tendering site can be found here; <https://bduk.force.com/s>Welcome> All values and time periods specified in this notice are provisional only. Any changes to values or time periods will be notified to the market. DCMS reserves the right not to establish the DPS or enter into any DPS Contract and not to award any Call-Off Contracts under it. DCMS reserves the right to reduce or extend the duration of the DPS. Any changes in duration will be notified to the market. DCMS shall not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by Suppliers and accepts no liability for any costs, charges or expenses in relation to the process to establish the DPS, the ongoing operation of the DPS or the award of any Call-Off Contracts under the DPS. Suppliers are advised that DCMS is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act"). If a Supplier considers that any of the information supplied as part of this procurement procedure should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, confidentiality or otherwise, it must, when providing this information, clearly identify the specific information it does not wish to be disclosed and clearly specify the reasons for its sensitivity. DCMS shall take such statements into consideration in the event that it receives a request pursuant to the Act which relates to the information provided by the interested party. Please note that it is not sufficient to include a statement of confidentiality encompassing all the information provided in the response. DCMS will follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) to set up and operate the DPS, as well as to award Call-Off Contracts under it. Devolved Administrations will be required to do so too when awarding Call-Off Contracts under the DPS.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

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WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.find-court-tribunal.service.gov.uk/courts/royal-courts-of-justice>