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Acquisition, Design and Build framework (ADB framework)

DIGITAL MOBILE SPECTRUM LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Buyer's address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

UK Institution

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Telecommunications

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Acquisition, Design and Build framework (ADB framework)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

DMSL is managing a tender on behalf of the mobile network operators (EE, Telefonica/O2, Three and Vodafone, collectively the "MNOs") to appoint suppliers who are able to provide all of the ADB services for mobile telecoms base station sites. Each of the MNOs will be a signatory to the ADB framework.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45232340 - Mobile-telephone base-stations construction work
- 45312330 - Radio aerial installation work
- 71250000 - Architectural, engineering and surveying services
- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services
- 71410000 - Urban planning services
- 71510000 - Site-investigation services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

DMSL is managing a tender, on behalf of the MNOs, to appoint suppliers on a ADB framework, to provide all of the services of Acquisition, Design and Build services for telecoms mast base station sites. The ADB services are expected to be provided, through the call-off contracts, in different combinations or as a single solution.

These sites are part of the Shared Rural Network (SRN) which consists of circa 300 new telecoms mast base station sites in rural and remote locations across the UK. The sites are planned to be delivered either through this ADB framework or through a Managed Services framework (the procurement for which is being run in parallel), or a combination of both frameworks.

These sites will enable MNOs, as part of the SRN programme, to fulfil their Ofcom Spectrum licence obligations by giving greater mobile network coverage in the UK.

Each of the MNOs will be a signatory to the ADB framework.

The scope of ADB services includes:-

Acquisition:-

The MNOs are seeking suppliers who are suitably capable and experienced providers of Acquisition services relating to the deployment of telecom mast base station sites. Expected activities would include but are not limited to; working with the MNOs to undertake and find a suitable site through site searches, identifying the relevant site providers to grant the necessary rights to occupy and access the site, negotiating with such site providers to secure the rights to occupy and access the site (including supporting on any Electronic Communications Code (ECC) proceedings), and undertaking the necessary steps to obtain appropriate planning permissions. It is expected that the supplier will provide any project management to carry out this role and liaise with other project participants in achieving a successful delivery of a site location.

Design:-

The MNOs are seeking suppliers who are suitably capable and experienced providers of construction design services to facilitate in the delivery and deployment of telecoms mast base station sites. The supplier will also provide the construction designs for the telecoms mast base station site, covering aspects such as general arrangement drawings, detailed design for construction and as built drawings and compliance with all the statutory

obligations under the CDM 2015 regulations of a principal designer. It is expected that the supplier will provide any project management to carry out this role and liaise with other project participants in achieving a successful delivery of a site location.

Build:-

The MNOs are seeking suppliers who are suitably capable and experienced providers of construction services to facilitate in the delivery and deployment of telecoms mast base station sites. The supplier would be expected to undertake all the elements that are required to build the infrastructure as per the detailed design document. The supplier will also be required to comply with all the statutory obligations under the CDM 2015 regulations of a principal contractor.

For clarity, supply of the passive physical infrastructure, such as towers and cabinets will be outside the scope of this procurement and will be supplied by or through the MNOs. Radio access equipment is also outside the scope of this procurement and will be supplied through the MNOs.

It is expected that the supplier will provide any project management to carry out this role and liaise with other project participants in achieving a successful delivery of a site location.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 September 2021

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Expressions of interest to participate in this procurement should be made online on the procurement portal at

<https://award.bravosolution.co.uk/srn/web/project/799097d0-0f5d-4482-be17-fb53916fb064/register>.

Instructions on how to register your interest on the DMSL Procurement Portal can be found here <https://srn.org.uk/procurement-portal-guidance> . If, and only if, you have any difficulties registering then please contact DMSL by email on procurement@DMSLUK.com

All registered applicants may request a copy of the procurement documents after the Contract Notice for the ADB procurement is published.

The procurement will be run as an Open procedure to select 8 suppliers for a framework.

Variant bids will not be accepted.

Tenders will need to be open for acceptance for 12 months from time of submission.

It is intended to hold a supplier event during the registration period in or around September 2021. All applicants who have registered for this procurement and signed the procurement NDA or registered on the srn.org.uk website and signed that NDA will be sent an invitation to attend a supplier event hosted by DMSL.

DMSL considers that this ADB framework may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises. Any selection of suppliers will be based solely on the criteria set out for this ADB procurement.

Consortiums may not bid for this procurement. The MNOs wish to award contracts to suppliers who will take sole responsibility for delivery of all services contracted for under this ADB framework. For clarity, suppliers may use sub-contractors to deliver the services.

Parent company guarantees may be required at DMSL and the MNOs' discretion. Further details will be provided in the procurement documents.

Neither DMSL nor the MNOs will accept multiple applications for this procurement from the same entity / economic operator.

The term of the ADB framework is 65 months with an option to extend once for a further 24

months. A period longer than 48 months has been chosen for the framework to align to the coverage obligations set out in each MNO's Ofcom Spectrum licence.

DMSL and the MNOs expressly reserve the right not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of the Contract Notice.

In no circumstances will DMSL or the MNOs be liable for any costs, expenses, fees or charges (including third party costs) incurred by those expressing interest in and/or participating in dialogue and/or tendering for this opportunity.

No contract (whether implied or otherwise) for the ADB framework or call-off contract for ADB services shall exist between any applicant and the MNOs until such time as such ADB framework or call off is executed with a supplier.

No minimum volume or purchase value is guaranteed for any supplier.

The volume of work awarded to suppliers will be limited to reduce the risk and ensure that resources are available to deliver.

DMSL and the MNOs reserve the right to make any changes to the procurement as it may require at any time with no liability on its part (including to change, suspend, stop or terminate the process and not award a contract and/or to reject any or all bids at any time).