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Contract

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme DPS Lot 25.02 Shropshire

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme DPS Lot 25.02 Shropshire

Reference number

C0186

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This procurement is for the award of a DPS Contract in the Shropshire area. This is part of the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £24,042,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Shropshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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.

This procurement is for the award of a Dynamic Purchasing System Contract – Shropshire 25.02. It concerns the delivery of a gigabit-capable network for an estimated total number of 12,277 premises. BDUK intends to make available £24,042,000 of public funding available for this contract.

Only those Suppliers successfully admitted onto the DPS are eligible to bid on this ITT.

The provision of subsidy will be provided in accordance with the UK subsidy control regime.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

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

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

19 April 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Freedom Fibre Ltd

Northbank House Siemens Road Irlam

Manchester

M44 5AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKG2 - Shropshire and Staffordshire

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £24,042,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £24,042,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand, Holborn

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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