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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**

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

100 Parliament Street

London

SW1A 2BQ

#### **Contact**

Procurement Team

#### **Email**

[gis-procurements@dcms.gov.uk](mailto:gis-procurements@dcms.gov.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**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

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**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

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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

#### **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**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-013574](#)

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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

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## **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>