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Tender

User Acceptance and Accuracy Testing for Electronic Clock Auction System

OFCOM

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://ofcom.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

UK Independent Communications Regulator

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

User Acceptance and Accuracy Testing for Electronic Clock Auction System

Reference number

C20231719

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72226000 - System software acceptance testing consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Ofcom has a requirement for testing of an electronic auction system (EAS) designed to run an auction for the award licences of mmWave spectrum in the UK in the 26 GHz and 40 GHz bands. The specific service required is user acceptance testing of the user interfaces and establishing that the EAS accurately implements the auction rules. For simplicity, we refer to this testing as “EAS testing”. These requirements will also cover the possibility of an additional clock auction that will follow the 26 GHz/40 GHz auction, which would be triggered at Ofcom’s sole discretion, using the same EAS configured for the subsequent auction.

As a minimum, the service must deliver the following:

- User acceptance and functional testing on auctioneer, bidder, and monitor interfaces in line with the detailed software spec
- Testing on the accuracy of implementation on the proposed auction rules, initially in line with published illustrative auction procedures, and ultimately to reflect formal Auction Regulations.

The EAS will be a web-based application for both Ofcom and bidders. It is envisaged that the successful tenderer will carry out the testing by accessing the EAS over the internet from its own premises.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £250,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79342400 - Auction services
- 79342410 - Electronic auction services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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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: £250,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

At Ofcom's absolute discretion, the Contract may be extended for up to two further periods of up to twelve months each. The maximum length of the contract is therefore four years.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will include options to extend the contract period for up to two additional periods of 12 months each, up to a maximum contract period of four years.

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 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

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Agreement will contain service levels and key performance indicators, as stated in the procurement documents.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

7 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 3 January 2024

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

7 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Court of Appeal of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom