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Planning

Satellite Space Segment - RFI

The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC)

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/supplying/>

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Broadcasting

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Satellite Space Segment - RFI

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64214100 - Satellite circuit rental services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this RFI is to determine the current market capability and capacity to provide all or part of the BBC's news & events content contribution services beyond FY 22/23 and to ensure that the BBC's procurement strategy is appropriately aligned.

The BBC's current and future requirements for news & events content contribution services from remote locations both in the UK and internationally, the scope includes but is not limited to the following:

- Ku Band Satellite Space Segment
- Ka Band IP Satellite IP Services
- Terrestrial Cellular IP Services
- LEO Satellite IP Services

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64214100 - Satellite circuit rental services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As detailed in II.1.4 the current Ku & Ka band arrangements are as follows:

Eutelsat 16A: 72.0MHz

Eutelsat 21B: 4.5MHz

Eutelsat 8 West: 30.5MHz

Eutelsat ka-sat 9a: 52 concurrent committed information rate streams at symmetrical 64 Kb/s each.

In addition to satellite capacity the BBC is also wishes to understand what crossover between satellite and cellular data providers may exist and what form any subsequent commercial wraparounds may take.

At this stage it is not precisely known how much Ku, Ka and cellular data capacity will be required beyond the current contracts, the responses to this RFI will inform a detailed analysis of the current and future technological landscape as it relates to news and event contribution that will inform any potential future procurement. This being the case respondents should assume that the total requirement will be broadly the same though options for flexing up or down the total capacity will be considered.

II.2.14) Additional information

Please note that this is a request for information only. The BBC is not obliged to award a contract as a result of this exercise nor is it obliged to run any further competitions. All submissions are at the Bidder's own expense.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

23 July 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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

In the case of technology requirements, the BBC may involve its technology partner (Atos IT Solutions and Services Limited) to assist in the scoping and drafting of invitations to tender and/or the evaluation of tenders. However, the final decision as to which is the most economically advantageous (by reference to the award criteria) will be made by the BBC. The awarding authority reserves the right not to award a contract and to annul the procurement process at any stage. Tenders and all supporting documents must be priced in sterling and all payments will be made in sterling. The contract shall be subject to English law. The awarding authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest, or any tender and reserves the right to accept part of a tender unless the tenderer expressly stipulates otherwise in the tender document.

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