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Planning

Northern Ireland Councils Network Services Pre Market engagement

Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council
Antrim Newtownabbey Borough Council
Ards and North Down Borough Council
Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council
Derry City and Strabane District Council
Fermanagh and Omagh District Council
Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council
Mid and East Antrim Borough Council
Mid Ulster District Council
Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Armagh City Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council

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Craigavon

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procurement@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

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<https://www.armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Antrim Newtownabbey Borough Council

Antrim

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procurement@antrimnewtownabbey.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://antrimandnewtownabbey.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Ards and North Down Borough Council

Bangor

Email

procurement@ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.ardsandnorthdown.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council

Coleraine

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Country

United Kingdom

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UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Derry City and Strabane District Council

Derry

Email

tenders@derrystrabane.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.derrystrabane.com/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Fermanagh and Omagh District Council

Fermanagh

Email

tenders@fermanaghomagh.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.fermanaghomagh.com/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council

Lisburn

Email

enquiries@lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.lisburncastlereagh.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Ballymena

Email

procurement@midandeastantrim.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Mid Ulster District Council

Dungannon

Email

tenders@midulstercouncil.org

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.midulstercouncil.org/>

I.1) Name and addresses

Newry, Mourne and Down District Council

Newry

Email

info@nmandd.org

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.newrymournedown.org/>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Northern Ireland Councils Network Services Pre Market engagement

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The delivery of managed Network Services for Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council and nine partner councils. Managed Network Services, including Wide Area Network connectivity, and related services, including network management services, content filtering, firewalls and internet services. The services will make use of new fibre infrastructure delivered with grant funding support from the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport's LFFN and RGC funds. This PIN concerns the pre market engagement for this procurement.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32400000 - Networks
- 32410000 - Local area network
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32430000 - Wide area network

- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32520000 - Telecommunications cable and equipment
- 32560000 - Fibre-optic materials
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 32580000 - Data equipment
- 45000000 - Construction work
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 51000000 - Installation services (except software)
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment
- 64000000 - Postal and telecommunications services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72700000 - Computer network services
- 72720000 - Wide area network services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council plans to procure Network Services on behalf of itself and the nine other Northern Ireland councils outside Belfast for a period of up to 10 years.

The services will make use of new fibre infrastructure delivered with grant funding support from the Department for Digital, Culture Media and Sport's LFFN and RGC funds through the Council's contract with Eir and through the Full Fibre Northern Ireland contract with Fibrus. Full Fibre Northern Ireland is a consortium of the ten Northern Ireland councils

outside Belfast.

II.2.14) Additional information

The councils are. Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon Borough Council. Antrim & Newtownabbey Borough Council. Ards and North Down Borough Council. Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council. Derry City and Strabane District Council. Fermanagh and Omagh District Council. Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council. Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. Mid Ulster District Council. Newry, Mourne and Down District Council. The current expectation is that an OpenProcedure will be used to procure the services. The Council intends that each council will have a separate contract with the Network Services Supplier, but that the contracts will be almost identical. The councils plan to work together in a user group to ensure that a consistent approach is used wherever appropriate. The councils require a range of Network Services, including: Wide Area Network connectivity services. Provider management, so that the Supplier manages carriers, equipment suppliers and services suppliers to create a cohesive service. Carrier services and leased lines, providing the underlying physical infrastructure. Networking and other equipment. Service Management functions, including the full scope of ITIL. Ancillary services, such as content filtering, firewalls, home and remote working solutions, security services, and other services. These may be third party services. The Network Services service supplier must initially use the infrastructure currently being built by Eir, Fibribus and Openreach, and partly funded by DCMS (Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 August 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

A more detailed information pack about the requirements is available on request by emailing procurement@armaghbanbridgecraigavon.gov.uk. A webinar to provide further details of the requirements is planned for 26th August 2021 subject to change for which details will follow on the eTendersNI portal