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Tender

SONIC Lab Products for Open RAN Outdoor Network (Site 4)

Digital Catapult

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03c6ef

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA37289

I.3) Communication

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

www.mytenders.co.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.mytenders.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research and Innovation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SONIC Lab Products for Open RAN Outdoor Network (Site 4)

Reference number

P2023-124

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32400000 - Networks

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This ITT specifically relates to the design, supply, integration and support of an Open RAN outdoor mobile network. Digital Catapult is seeking to engage with companies who have the capability to design, supply, install, configure and integrate different Outdoor Open RAN components - Radio Units (RU) ,software Centralised Unit (CU), Distributed Units (DU) and RAN Intelligent Controllers (RIC).

Installation in this ITT refers to software only installation of the Open RAN components.

All hardware installation is the responsibility of Digital Catapult.

The Successful Bidder shall build, implement and integrate an Outdoor 5G Open RAN system, as well as provide ongoing support and maintenance for a one (1) year period following go-live.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32412000 - Communications network

- 32418000 - Radio network
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32422000 - Network components

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This procurement relates to design, supply, integration and support of an Open RAN outdoor mobile network. Digital Catapult is seeking to contract a supplier who have the capability to design, supply, install, configure and integrate different Outdoor Open RAN components - Radio Units (RU), software Centralised Unit (CU), Distributed Units (DU) and RAN Intelligent Controllers (RIC).

Installation in this procurement refers to software only installation of the Open RAN components.

All hardware installation is the responsibility of Digital Catapult.

The Successful Bidder shall build, implement and integrate an Outdoor 5G Open RAN system, as well as provide ongoing support and maintenance for a one (1) year period following go-live.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Start date

11 September 2023

End date

28 February 2025

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-013028](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

8 August 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

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

8 August 2023

Local time

12:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the myTenders Web Site at https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=229789.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx.

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

CEDR

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In the first instance, all appeals should be promptly brought to the attention of Digital Catapult, and will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the

Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any appeals must be brought within the timescales specified by the applicable law, including without limitation, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the contracting authority will also incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the date information on award of contract is communicated to tenderers.