

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/019662-2021>

Contract

## **Network Access Services (NAS) Circuit bandwidth capacity increases**

Department for Work and Pensions

F20: Modification notice

Notice identifier: 2021/S 000-019662

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02d43d

Published 12 August 2021, 10:45pm

### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Department for Work and Pensions

Peel Park, Brunel Way

Blackpool

FY4 5ES

#### **Email**

[SOURCING.MANCHESTER@DWP.GOV.UK](mailto:SOURCING.MANCHESTER@DWP.GOV.UK)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-work-pensions>

## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Network Access Services (NAS) Circuit bandwidth capacity increases

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32400000 - Networks

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:**

The Network Access Service will deliver WAN Services, including both private (MPLS) network access services, where required (to be eventually deprecated), and internet access circuits.

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

Start date

26 March 2021

End date

25 March 2026

#### **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 V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

ecm\_9217

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:**

26 March 2021

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract/concession has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

BT Telecommunications PLC

81 Newgate Street, London

EC1A 7AJ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

#### **V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)**

Total value of the procurement: £22,800,000

---

## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Suppliers Instructions:

How to Express Interest in this Tender:

1. Register on the eSourcing portal (this is only required once):

<https://dwp.bravosolution.co.uk> & click the link to register - Accept the terms & conditions & click 'continue' - Enter your correct business & user details - Note your chosen username & click 'Save'. You will receive an email with your password (keep this secure)

2. Express an Interest in the tender - Login to the portal with the username/password - Click the 'PQQs / ITTs Open To All Suppliers' link. (These are Pre-Qualification Questionnaires or Invitations to Tender open to any registered supplier) - Click on the relevant exercise to access the content. - Click the 'Express Interest' button at the top of the page. - This will move the PQQ /ITT into your 'My PQQs/ My ITTs' page. (A secure area reserved for your projects only) -You can now access any attachments by clicking 'Buyer Attachments' in the 'PQQ/ ITT Details' box

3. Responding to the tender - Click 'My Response' under 'PQQ/ ITT Details', you can choose to 'Create Response' or to 'Decline to Respond' (please give a reason if declining) - You can now use the 'Messages' function to communicate with the buyer and seek any clarification - Note the deadline for completion. Follow the onscreen instructions to complete the PQQ/ ITT - There may be a mixture of online & offline actions to complete (detailed online help available). To submit your reply use the 'Submit Response' button (top of the page).

For further assistance please consult the online help, or the eTendering help desk.

DWP expressly reserves the rights(i)to use a reverse auction; (ii)to cancel this procurement at any stage; (iii)to not award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (iv)and in no circumstances will DWP be liable for any costs incurred by potential suppliers.

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

DWP Peel Park

Peel Park, Brunel Way

Blackpool

FY4 5ES

Email

[SOURCING.MANCHESTER@DWP.GOV.UK](mailto:SOURCING.MANCHESTER@DWP.GOV.UK)

Country

United Kingdom

---

## **Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession**

### **VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications**

#### **VII.1.1) Main CPV code**

- 32400000 - Networks

#### **VII.1.3) Place of performance**

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

#### **VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:**

The modification to the contract is required to enable the upgrade in Network Access Service circuit capacity at 7 digital hub and corporate sites from their current 1GB NAS bearer bandwidth capacity to 10GB, and at a further 154 DWP sites there is a requirement to increase their current bandwidth capacity from 100MB to 1GB.

#### **VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession**

Start date

5 August 2021

End date

25 March 2026

#### **VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£22,800,000

### **VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

BT Telecommunications PLC

81 Newgate Street

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

## **VII.2) Information about modifications**

### **VII.2.1) Description of the modifications**

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

The modification to the contract is required to enable the upgrade in Network Access Service circuit capacity at 7 digital hub and corporate sites from their current 1GB NAS bearer bandwidth capacity to 10GB, and at a further 154 DWP sites there is a requirement to increase their current bandwidth capacity from 100MB to 1GB.

### **VII.2.2) Reasons for modification**

Need for additional works, services or supplies by the original contractor/concessionaire.

Description of the economic or technical reasons and the inconvenience or duplication of cost preventing a change of contractor:

DWP signed the Network Access Service (NAS) contract with BT on 26 March 2021. At this time NAS circuit bandwidth capacity requirements were specified to allow for some

future demand growth however it became apparent that NAS circuit capacity at DWP digital hubs and a number of other sites needed be increased further to support additional demand for network services across DWP digital and the wider DWP business. Maintaining the technical requirement with BT is in line with contract scope and contracted delivery, allowing for economies of scale and mitigation of duplication of costs should DWP have changed Supplier.

### **VII.2.3) Increase in price**

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £22,800,000

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £29,143,502