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## **Kent Public Services Network**

Kent County Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**Region code**

UKJ4 - Kent

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Main address

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Buyer's address

<http://www.kent.gov.uk>

**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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Kent Public Services Network

Reference number

DN626186

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 30230000 - Computer-related equipment
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32250000 - Mobile telephones

- 32400000 - Networks
- 45314300 - Installation of cable infrastructure
- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48511000 - Desktop communications software package
- 48820000 - Servers
- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 64221000 - Interconnection services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ4 - Kent

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KCC's Intention for the next iteration of KPSN (internally known as 'KPSN3') is to continue to provide all KPSN partners with modern, flexible, cost-effective technology solutions for a wide range of Managed Network and Connectivity based services, including, but not limited to, SIP services, Network and Cyber Security Services, connectivity and Managed infrastructure support, innovation services together with a range of Hardware support including but not limited to, Desktops, laptops, Audio Visual suppliers to engage with us on market innovation, service delivery models and their service offering.

Partners may require services specific to their sector, such as, but not limited to, HSCN or similar, for our Health and Social Care partners or commercial opportunities as required.

Currently the services are delivered via a single agreement and KCC wish to explore how KPSN may deliver the services in the next contract. Suppliers are invited to attend 1:1 sessions to present suggestions, technologies and models on how best to provide connectivity and services based on today's KPSN deliverables. This should also include market innovation and market trends, including how suppliers have assisted customers with any impact caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, changes in working models with Remote Working and whatever other insights suppliers wish to provide.

Market engagement sessions will take place remotely via MS Teams w/c 12 and 19 September 2022, in 1 hour sessions. KCC will engage with a maximum of 15 suppliers and, if supplier interest exceeds the number of sessions available, respondents will be

selected to participate based on the range of relevant experience, ensuring representation from a range of networking and communications providers. Session availability and supporting documentation will be provided to suppliers 22 August 2022 to allow sufficient time to prepare for their chosen sessions.

Please email [daniel.medley@kent.gov.uk](mailto:daniel.medley@kent.gov.uk) with expressions of interest by no later than 12.00 noon on Friday 19th August 2022.

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Expressions of interest due by 19/08/2022

Supporting documentation released 22/08/2022

Session availability and info 22/08/2022

Session week 1 12/09/2022

Session week 2 19/09/2022

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 January 2023

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## **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