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Planning

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Cross-Regional Framework (Type C)

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

100 Parliament Street

London

SW1A 2BQ

Email

bduksuppliers@dcms.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/building-digital-uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/building-digital-uk>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

General Public Services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Cross-Regional Framework (Type C)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme, part of Project Gigabit, is a government programme aimed to support the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in the areas of the UK which are unlikely to attract commercial investment for gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure within a reasonable timeframe, if at all, referred to as the final 20% (f20). Building Digital UK (BDUK, part of DCMS) will be targeting its market intervention in these areas of the UK via this subsidy award programme, to subsidise the build of gigabit-capable networks providing long-term, sustainable availability of wholesale gigabit broadband services in the hardest to reach parts of the UK.

BDUK intends to establish a Cross-Regional Single Supplier Framework, known colloquially as Type C, to award call-off contracts over the life of the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme. The Cross-Regional Framework is intended to target premises that are unsuccessfully delivered either via Type A and B.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £800,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45231600 - Construction work for communication lines
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 64210000 - Telephone and data transmission services
- 64200000 - Telecommunications services
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment
- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure
- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 32424000 - Network infrastructure

- 32562300 - Optical-fibre cables for data transmission
- 45314300 - Installation of cable infrastructure
- 32412100 - Telecommunications network
- 45232300 - Construction and ancillary works for telephone and communication lines
- 45314310 - Installation of cable laying
- 45314000 - Installation of telecommunications equipment
- 64227000 - Integrated telecommunications services
- 32425000 - Network operating system
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 32572200 - Communications cable with coaxial conductors
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32572000 - Communications cable
- 45232332 - Ancillary works for telecommunications
- 32412000 - Communications network
- 50334400 - Communications system maintenance services
- 32562100 - Optical-fibre cables for information transmission
- 32412110 - Internet network
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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BDUK has hosted a series of previous engagements with suppliers, including 121 engagements with Openreach and other suppliers who expressed an initial interest, to discuss the Cross-Regional Framework approach. The drafted Terms & Conditions (T&Cs) have now been developed and BDUK wishes to re-engage the market. Suppliers interested in engaging with BDUK to discuss the intention for the Framework and to access the contract terms and conditions should contact the supplier mailbox: bduksuppliers@dcms.gov.uk. Suppliers have a two week window from the date of PIN publication in which to express an interest, the deadline being 1 September 2022.

Once the Terms & Conditions have been issued to Suppliers that have expressed an interest, they will have up to 2 weeks to review and provide feedback. BDUK will consider all feedback but this may not result in changes being made. Suppliers will be invited to 121 sessions to discuss this Framework in further detail.

This PIN Notice does not commit BDUK to publishing a procurement and is intended for market engagement purposes only. The value of this PIN is indicative and is subject to change should BDUK decide to issue a procurement.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

2 September 2022

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