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Tender

ITT - Test & Measurement tool requirement for SONIC Labs - RIC Tester

Digital Catapult

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

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Reference number

P2023-130

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32400000 - Networks

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Digital Catapult is the UK authority on advanced digital technology. Through collaboration and innovation, we accelerate industry

adoption to drive growth and opportunity across the economy.

Our goal is to accelerate new possibilities in everything we do and for every business we partner with the journey – breaking down barriers,

de-risking innovation, opening up markets and responsibly shaping the products, services and experiences of the future.

The SmartRAN Open Network Interoperability Centre Laboratories (SONIC Labs) -

<https://www.digicatatapult.org.uk/expertise/programmes/programme/sonic/> - is a joint programme between Digital Catapult (DC) and

Ofcom. The programme creates a range of platforms for existing and emerging vendors to test the interoperability and integration of open

and software-centric networking solutions, starting with 5G Open RAN technology. Launched in February 2022, the DCMS-funded

SONIC Labs will be deployed across indoor and outdoor locations, providing a unique

opportunity for UK-based operators and Open RAN

vendors to get involved and showcase their capabilities. Additionally, SONIC Labs provides a testing ground for longer-term advanced

technologies, expanding to other use cases and open networking technologies.

Within the SONIC Labs programme, our objective is to support the development of working end to end Open RAN systems and help

products mature through earlier end-to-end integration and interoperability testing of fully formed Open RAN systems. To achieve this

objective, we are continually developing our technical capabilities in the Oran Test and Measurement domain to conduct extensive testing

and performance evaluation and validation for the future Open RAN.

Digital Catapult is seeking to engage with vendors supplying RIC testing capability who have the capability to design complex scenarios,

supply, Install, configure and integrate different RIC components.

The vendor(s) shall provide services to build, implement and integrate the entire system. In addition, we require services for training,

ongoing support and maintenance (two-year period following go-live).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Digital Catapult is seeking to engage with vendors supplying RIC testing capability who have the capability to design complex scenarios,

supply, Install, configure and integrate different RIC components.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

Start date

1 November 2023

End date

31 October 2024

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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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 001-229650](#)

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

Date

8 September 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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 September 2023

Local time

2:00pm

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=230046.

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

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>