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

Digital Catapult

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-023274

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03ee5e

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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](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](http://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](http://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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

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

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.digicatapult.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

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## **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

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## **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

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

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[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=230046](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](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**

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

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