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Planning External Connectivity (WAN & Internet Services)

The Guinness Partnership Ltd

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Telephone

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.guinnesspartnership.com/

Buyer's address

http://www.guinnesspartnership.com/

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://procotnract.due-north.com/register

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Housing and community amenities

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

External Connectivity (WAN & Internet Services)

Reference number

DN684001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 32430000 - Wide area network

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Guinness require a contract for fixed line communications including:

- Data Centre Connectivity
- Wide Area Networking
- Internet Connectivity

A procurement strategy is currently being formulated with a view to the procurement of this contract during 2023/24. This Notice is a Prior Information Notice of a future contract opportunity. This is not a call for competition, or a request for you to express interest in bidding for work.

Organisations are invited to consider completing and returning information indicted in the soft market testing document linked with this Notice. Whether or not an organisation chooses to return any information will have no relevance or bearing on assessment of any future application to participate in a subsequent procurement process. Returning information will not be deemed by Guinness as a standing expression of interest for any future contract opportunity.

Organisations should continue to monitor the UK e-notification service Find a Tender Service for notices and the opportunity to submit an expression interest or tender for a notified contract opportunity.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC North East (England)
- UKD North West (England)
- UKE Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF East Midlands (England)
- UKG West Midlands (England)
- UKH East of England
- UKI London
- UKJ South East (England)
- UKK South West (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Guinness spend circa £360,000 +VAT per annum on Wide Area Networking and Internet Services.

Guinness operates across the majority of England. Details of the connection sites can be found in the soft market testing document linked to this Notice.

Guinness do not currently operate in Scotland, Wales or Northern Ireland.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 November 2023

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

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