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Planning

Market Research - ICT Infrastructure Support – Tape Library Review

East Ayrshire Council

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

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Main address

http://www.east-ayrshire.gov.uk

Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00223

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this market research questionnaire is to gather information on the supply and approximate/indicative costs of a new Tape Library for EAC. This will allow the client service to review any potential budget shortfall for the delivery of this future project.

East Ayrshire Council currently utilise two Quantum Scalar i500 Tape Libraries – one with 2 drives and one with 4 drives. This integrates easily with our disk backup enabling us to have a tiered storage architecture which backs up data to tape. The warranty expires on these in March and April 2022 respectively. The tape library drives are end of service life, therefore we cannot renew the support on these, so our choice is to renew the drives or else renew the whole tape library. In order to keep the support on the drives and the chassis as the one entity, we are seeking to replace the libraries.

We have 6 x LTO6 drives in total and approximately 1000 LTO6 tapes.

The aim of this project is to replace the tape libraries by consolidating them into the one library, and replace with one similar; we believe the Scalar i6 to be a direct replacement. This would mean less drives and only one library therefore less renewals in the future. We must maintain compatibility with our existing LTO6 tapes so that these can still be read and restored from whilst we wait for the retention periods to expire. We propose to do this by using a mix of LTO7 drives and LTO8 or LTO9 drives. The reason behind this is that LTO8/9 drives can only read back one generation, therefore we require the LTO7 drive to read our LTO6 tapes.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32424000 - Network infrastructure

- 50312610 - Maintenance of information technology equipment

- 72222300 - Information technology services

- 44316400 - Hardware

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 March 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please complete the attached market research questionnaire and submit to
procurement@east-ayrshire.gov,uk by 8th October 2021

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=668187.

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