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Planning

Market Engagement - WiFi for Staff and Student Accommodation

Queen's University Belfast

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-02e7d6

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast.aspx/Home>

I.3) Communication

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

Education

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

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Reference number

QUB/2118/21 RFI

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Queen's University Belfast seeks to engage with Multi-Tenant Internet Service Providers to support a scoping exercise for the potential replacement of existing internet provision within the Student Plus Directorate at Queen's.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Queen's University Belfast seeks to engage with Multi-Tenant Internet Service Providers to support a scoping exercise for the potential replacement of existing internet provision within the Student Plus Directorate at Queen's. The services primarily relate to WiFi for Staff and Student Accommodation. This request for information is intended to facilitate early market engagement only and is not a call for competition. Queen's will not be liable for any costs whatsoever resulting directly or indirectly from participation in this market engagement exercise.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

4 October 2021

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

Firms wishing to participate in this market engagement exercise are required to register their company details on In-Tend, the University's electronic tendering site <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/asp/Home>. Once registered, firms should log on and select Tenders, then Current and Market Engagement - WiFi for Staff and Student Accommodation. Firms are required to express an interest in this specific exercise before being provided with access to the documentation. Responses are required to be submitted by no later than 4pm on Friday 5 November 2021. Queen's will assess responses to determine the maturity of the market in this area and the range of potential solutions available. Queen's may choose to conduct a public procurement exercise at a later date to procure a replacement system(s). Equally, Queen's may delay any prospective tender process until the market improves, or develop a bespoke in-house solution in the interim, or consider and develop other options e.g. use of national frameworks. Queen's may also further engage with Economic Operators who express an interest in this exercise to seek clarification or to inform Queen's position further and to assist in the development of a specification, which may include the provision of a demonstration, if necessary.