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Contract

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Cross-Regional Supplier Call-Off 1

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

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Procurement Team

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Cross-Regional Supplier Call-Off 1

Reference number

C0371

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This procurement is for the award of a Cross-Regional Supplier Framework and Initial Call-Off Contracts for multiple regions within the United Kingdom (UK). This is part of the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme.

The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme is a government programme aimed to support the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in the areas of the UK which are unlikely to attract commercial investment for gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure within a reasonable timeframe, if at all, referred to as the final 20% (f20). Building Digital UK (BDUK, part of DSIT) will be targeting its market intervention in these areas of the UK via this subsidy award programme, to subsidise the build of gigabit-capable networks providing long-term, sustainable availability of wholesale gigabit broadband services in the hardest to reach parts of the UK. The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme builds on the success of existing programmes being delivered by BDUK to deliver gigabit-capable networks across the UK. It is envisaged this programme will last for up to 9 years and award contracts throughout that period.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £800,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

BDUK intends to establish a Cross-Regional Single Supplier Framework, known colloquially as Type C, to award call-off contracts over the life of the Framework.

The Cross-Regional Framework is intended to appoint a single supplier to build gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure and whose role would be to target premises in respect of which (1) no or no appropriate market interest has been received through GIS market engagement steps for proposed Type A or Type B procurement areas; (2) BDUK has not awarded a contract following a procurement for Type A or Type B areas; (3) Type A or Type B contracts that cover these premises fail to be delivered by the supplier and are descope or terminated; (4) Type C provides demonstrably better value for money or pace of build or coverage.

The Framework scope is expected to comprise up to c.500,000 premises, with a total estimated value of up to £800m. The average Call-Off Contract scope is anticipated to be between 50,000 and 150,000 premises. BDUK reserves the right to amend these figures to ensure that the framework can be used in accordance with criteria 1-4 above.

Call-Off contracts awarded under the Cross-Regional Framework will subsidise the design, build and operation of gigabit-capable supplier networks providing long-term, sustainable availability of wholesale gigabit broadband services in the hardest to reach parts of the UK.

BDUK issued a PIN on 18 August 2022 - ref 2022/S 000-023019 and on 5 January 2023 - ref 2023/S 000-000266 to discuss the Cross-Regional Framework.

Suppliers should consider the pre-qualification financial thresholds are reflective of the potential anticipated annual spend against the framework. They will also need to be able to demonstrate they can deliver gigabit-capable connectivity at pace and volume to support BDUK's 2025 and 2030 objectives.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Price - Weighting: 35

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

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

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IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 July 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

British Telecommunications plc

One Braham, 1 Braham Street

London

E1 8EE

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £288,847,319

Total value of the contract/lot: £800,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand, Holborn

London

WC2A 2LL

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Internet address

<https://www.find-court-tribunal.service.gov.uk/courts/royal-courts-of-justice>