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Planning

Provision of Network Services

North of England Commissioning Support Unit (hosted by NHS England)

F01: Prior information notice

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Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-025831

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03f90f

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

North of England Commissioning Support Unit (hosted by NHS England)

Durham

Contact

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKC - North East (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.necsu.nhs.uk/>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://s1-eu.ariba.com/>

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

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Network Services

Reference number

Doc1601944407

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32400000 - Networks

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NHS North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS) requires connectivity to the Health and Social Care Network (HSCN), the Internet and NECS' data centres.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £9,720,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NHS North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS) requires connectivity to the Health and Social Care Network (HSCN), the Internet and NECS' data centres for 460+ North East GP practices and ICB corporate sites, NECS, NECS customer sites and the 170+ GP & ICB corporate sites of Derby & Derbyshire ICB (D&D). This is currently provided by two Community of Interest Networks that are centred on NECS' data centres. NECS is keen to explore alternative solutions that are suited to more modern ways of working and technologies

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

30 October 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

NECS is publishing this PIN to invite suppliers to take part in a market engagement exercise. This is expected to be a multi-phase engagement process. This exercise is to inform NECS' design of its network infrastructure and its procurement route. NECS has made market engagement collateral available at the above-mentioned link, suppliers can find it by clicking the link, registering or logging in to the portal and navigating to:

<https://discovery.ariba.com/rfx/17307354>

Suppliers are invited to submit a Market Engagement Questionnaire in accordance with the timelines set out in the collateral.