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Planning

## **Provision of Network Services**

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

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-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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#### **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

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**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

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## **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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## **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.