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## **Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Regional Supplier Contract - Cumbria**

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-digital-culture-media-sport>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://bduk.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

General Public Services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Regional Supplier Contract - Cumbria

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

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 DCMS) 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.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £108,525,335

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 32412100 - Telecommunications network
- 50334400 - Communications system maintenance services

- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 32572000 - Communications cable
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32412100 - Telecommunications network
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment
- 64210000 - Telephone and data transmission services
- 64200000 - Telecommunications services
- 32572200 - Communications cable with coaxial conductors
- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure
- 32424000 - Network infrastructure
- 45314300 - Installation of cable infrastructure
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 45232300 - Construction and ancillary works for telephone and communication lines
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 45232332 - Ancillary works for telecommunications
- 45314000 - Installation of telecommunications equipment
- 32562100 - Optical-fibre cables for information transmission
- 32412000 - Communications network
- 32562300 - Optical-fibre cables for data transmission
- 45231600 - Construction work for communication lines
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 45314310 - Installation of cable laying
- 32425000 - Network operating system
- 64227000 - Integrated telecommunications services

- 32412110 - Internet network

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Cumbria

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

BDUK intends to award a number of Regional Supplier Contracts over the life of the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme. The UK Government has confirmed that approximately £5 billion will be allocated to target the final 20% (f20), the hardest to reach parts of the UK. BDUK will be targeting its market intervention in these areas of the UK via a programme to 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. The Regional Supplier Contracts are intended to be for larger numbers of premises than those covered under contracts placed under the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Dynamic Purchasing System: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/013574-2021?origin=SearchResults&p=1> The focus of the Regional Supplier Contracts is to target the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in the final 20% (f20) of the country that is not commercially viable for the market to design, build and operate without government intervention. This procurement is for the award of Regional Supplier Contract for Cumbria. This intervention area's geographic limit (Lot boundary) was re-shaped following new large-scale commercial build plans, necessitating it being expanded to include the entirety of the county of Cumbria. The exact outline was then tessellated to exchange boundaries based on feedback from suppliers relating to the deliverability of gigabit-capable broadband. This Contract concerns the delivery of a gigabit-capable network for an estimated total number of 60,774 premises comprising 33,739 in the initial scope and 27,035 in the deferred scope. BDUK intends to make available £108,525,335 of public funding available for this contract. The estimated total number of premises indicated above comprises an Initial Scope for specified premises and a deferred list of premises ("Deferred Scope") for further specified premises. The Deferred Scope will be authorised by BDUK after the contract's Effective Date in accordance with Clause 6 (Deferred Scope Authorisation) of the Regional Supplier Contract Terms and Conditions. The number of premises in the Deferred Scope may be subject to amendment prior to authorisation, in particular as a result of further reviews of the commercial viability of the premises. Suppliers interested in this Regional Supplier Contract should submit a completed Standard Selection Questionnaire in order to be considered to be invited to tender. All suppliers meeting the selection criteria will be invited to tender. The selection criteria are set out in the

procurement documents and are available at the address described in the additional information section. The provision of subsidy will be provided in accordance with the UK subsidy control regime.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £108,525,335

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

7 September 2022

End date

6 September 2037

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

22 November 2021

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

26 January 2022

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**



All documents concerning the Regional Supplier Contract Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ), Regional Supplier Contract ITT and Regional Supplier Contract will be available to Suppliers via our e-tendering system. Suppliers must register onto the system to have access to view these documents. Registration is free to Suppliers and the link to the e-tendering site can be found here; <https://bduk.force.com/s/Welcome> DCMS reserves the right not to award a Regional Supplier Contract under this procurement, to cancel the procurement process at any time and to change the procurement process (including any requirement or deadline). DCMS reserves the right not to proceed with, to cancel or to adjust the Deferred Scope as referred to in II.2.4 above, in particular as a result of the authorisation process provided for in the contract. DCMS shall not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by Suppliers and accepts no liability for any costs, charges or expenses in relation to the process to award the Regional Supplier Contract, including if the procurement process is cancelled, amended or delayed. Suppliers are advised that DCMS is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") If a Supplier considers that any of the information supplied as part of this procurement procedure should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, confidentiality or otherwise, it must, when providing this information, clearly identify the specific information it does not wish to be disclosed and clearly specify the reasons for its sensitivity. DCMS shall take such statements into consideration in the event that it receives a request pursuant to the Act which relates to the information provided by the interested party. Please note that it is not sufficient to include a statement of confidentiality encompassing all the information provided in the response. DCMS will follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) to award the Regional Supplier Contract.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand, Holborn

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

