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Planning

Project Gigabit in Scotland

Scottish Government

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10482

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

Project Gigabit in Scotland

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Deployment of infrastructure using the Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy scheme that will facilitate access to gigabit capable internet connections to premises which are not expected to be otherwise covered by suppliers' commercial plans.

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
- 32425000 - Network operating system
- 32412000 - Communications network
- 32562300 - Optical-fibre cables for data transmission
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 45231600 - Construction work for communication lines
- 45232300 - Construction and ancillary works for telephone and communication lines
- 64227000 - Integrated telecommunications services
- 45232332 - Ancillary works for telecommunications

- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 50334400 - Communications system maintenance services
- 64210000 - Telephone and data transmission services
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32572000 - Communications cable
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32424000 - Network infrastructure
- 45314000 - Installation of telecommunications equipment
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 45314310 - Installation of cable laying
- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure
- 32412110 - Internet network
- 32572200 - Communications cable with coaxial conductors
- 32562100 - Optical-fibre cables for information transmission
- 45314300 - Installation of cable infrastructure

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy scheme forms part of Project Gigabit. Project Gigabit is a UK Government funded programme aimed at supporting the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in areas of the UK which are unlikely to attract commercial investment within a reasonable timeframe, if at all (referred to as the final 20% (f20)).

Building Digital UK (BDUK) is an executive agency of the Department of Science, Innovation and Technology. BDUK is targeting market interventions in f20 areas of the UK through the award of subsidised contracts to support the build of gigabit-capable networks

providing long-term, sustainable wholesale gigabit broadband infrastructure in the hardest to reach parts of the UK.

As part of Project Gigabit, the Scottish Government is working with BDUK to deliver contracts to suppliers delivering gigabit-capable wholesale infrastructure in Scotland (Project Gigabit in Scotland). This procurement approach is a successor to the Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband programme and will work in parallel with the Scottish Government's current Reaching 100% (R100) programme.

The Scottish Government is currently running Project Gigabit in Scotland procurements in Borders and East Lothian and the North East of Scotland. Subject to supplier interest, the next procurement in Scotland is expected to launch in November 2024, covering Fife, Perth and Kinross. This will be procured using the restricted procedure. It is anticipated that a further two regional procurements in Orkney and Shetland and in Dumfries and Galloway – South will follow in subsequent months. The estimated date of publication of contract notice is set out at II.3). All dates are indicative and subject to change. The launch of each procurement is subject to the Scottish Government and BDUK being confident that there is the market interest in each procurement to lead to successful contract award.

The Scottish Government and BDUK reserve the right not to proceed to procure the Proposed Procurement Areas detailed in this Prior Information Notice and the Information Pack. This is not a commitment from the Scottish Government or BDUK to launch any procurement(s).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

5 November 2024

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

Working with BDUK, the Scottish Government is carrying out pre-procurement market engagement to establish whether procurement(s) in the following areas will attract market interest and result in compliant bids:

- Fife, Perth and Kinross
- Orkney and Shetland
- Dumfries and Galloway – South

A Pre-Procurement Market Engagement – Information Pack and Feedback Form can be downloaded from the Additional Documents area. The Information Pack provides further detail on Project Gigabit in Scotland, proposed procurement areas and maps. UPRN lists are also available for download. The UPRN lists for the proposed procurement areas and data within the Information Pack were correct at the date of this Notice and are subject to update prior to the launch of any procurements.

Suppliers who are interested in providing feedback should complete and return the Feedback Form to Gigabit@gov.scot by 12:00 noon on 9th Sept 2024. Due to the time bound nature of this request, we may not be able to review submissions received after this date.

BDUK and the Scottish Government are also offering, as part of this engagement, 30-minute one-to-one Teams sessions with suppliers. These sessions will be held on 11th Sept 2024.

One-to-one sessions will be held by MS Teams. Please contact Gigabit@gov.scot by 17:00 on 6th Sept 2024 to request a 1:1 session.

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