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Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Regional Supplier Contract

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport

100 Parliament Street

London

SW1A 2BQ

Email

bduksuppliers@dcms.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region 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.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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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

Telecommunications

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme - Regional Supplier Contract

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: £39,425,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services
- 64200000 - Telecommunications services
- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32562300 - Optical-fibre cables for data transmission

- 32424000 - Network infrastructure
- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment
- 64227000 - Integrated telecommunications services
- 45231600 - Construction work for communication lines
- 45232332 - Ancillary works for telecommunications
- 32562100 - Optical-fibre cables for information transmission
- 45314310 - Installation of cable laying
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment
- 32412110 - Internet network
- 45314300 - Installation of cable infrastructure
- 50334400 - Communications system maintenance services
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies
- 45314000 - Installation of telecommunications equipment
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure
- 32570000 - Communications equipment
- 45232300 - Construction and ancillary works for telephone and communication lines
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 64210000 - Telephone and data transmission services
- 32412100 - Telecommunications network
- 32412000 - Communications network
- 32572000 - Communications cable
- 32572200 - Communications cable with coaxial conductors
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 32425000 - Network operating system

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG12 - Worcestershire

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>.

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 – Worcestershire. This covers the geographic area of Local Authorities:

Black Country
Herefordshire
Gloucestershire
Shropshire
Staffordshire
Warwickshire

It concerns the delivery of a gigabit-capable network for an estimated total number of 18,469 premises. BDUK intends to make available £39,425,000 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: £39,425,000

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

Start date

13 September 2023

End date

12 September 2030

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

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

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

9 November 2022

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

24 January 2023

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)

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>