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Contract

Systems Integrator to design, supply, implement and support one indoor Open RAN mobile network

Digital Catapult

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA37289

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research and Innovation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Systems Integrator to design, supply, implement and support one indoor Open RAN mobile network

Reference number

P2023-114

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32400000 - Networks

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Digital Catapult is seeking to engage with an Open RAN System Integrator that has the capability to design, supply components, install, configure and commission an OpenRAN indoor network.

As part of the “Open Access” requirement, Digital Catapult must work with equipment, services and solutions from several vendors/manufacturers and does not want a position of exclusivity of supply from any one particular vendor/manufacturer, or a single-vendor solution.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £600,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Digital Catapult is establishing workstreams (WS) in 2022 and 2023 as follows:

WS1 - Building the Common Infrastructure (CI) and Reference Open RAN Mobile Networks (RORMN). The CI and the RORMN solutions are being procured separately. The Open RAN Mobile Network is covered in this procurement;

WS2 - Building the Test & Measurement Capability and vendor cohort integration and testing. This has been run as a separate procurement exercise.

The Open RAN element of WS1 will consist of an Indoor Mobile Network site in London.

To achieve an Open RAN based network on the site Digital Catapult is looking for an Open RAN System Integrator that has capability to design, supply, install, configure and integrate within the SONIC common compute and networking infrastructure.

The System Integrator shall supply all the Open RAN hardware, including radio units and cables, both fibre and ethernet, to connect radio units, as well as software-based components and related support services.

As part of the “Open Access” requirement, Digital Catapult must work with equipment, services and solutions from several vendors/manufacturers and does not want a position of exclusivity of supply from any one particular vendor/maker, or a single-vendor solution.

Full requirements and the related timelines can be found on the ITT document.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical criterion / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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 IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2023/S 000-008861](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

31 July 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 5

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

L&T Technology Services Limited

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- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Lowest offer: £550,000 / Highest offer: £2,027,408 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

(MT Ref:230198)

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Public Procurement Review Service

Cabinet Office

London

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In the first instance, all appeals should be promptly brought to the attention of Digital Catapult, and will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the

Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any appeals must be brought within the timescales specified by the applicable law, including without limitation, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the contracting authority will also incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the date information on award of contract is communicated to tenderers.