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Planning

Libraries Public IT Service

The Mayor and Commonalty and Citizens of the City of London

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKI - London

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Main address

<https://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.capitalesourcing.com>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Libraries Public IT Service

Reference number

prj_COL_19841 or itt_COL_15303

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 92511000 - Library services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The City of London Corporation (the 'City') is carrying out a Soft Market Testing ('SMT') in relation to the Libraries Public IT Service.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32400000 - Networks
- 32412110 - Internet network
- 48161000 - Library management system
- 79810000 - Printing services
- 92500000 - Library, archives, museums and other cultural services
- 92510000 - Library and archive services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The City of London Corporation (the 'City') is carrying out a Soft Market Testing ('SMT') in relation to the Libraries Public IT Service.

There requirement is for provision of a public network, hardware and software for members of the public across the following business areas: Barbican; Artizan Street; Shoe Lane; The Small Business and Enterprise Centre and Guildhall, London Metropolitan Archives (LMA).

The City is looking for the provision of a fully managed and supported solution that will provide the identified business areas with a fast, secure and reliable network which will be delivered both wireless and wired. There is a requirement to have both fixed workstations at the venues and also to allow customers to bring their own devices which can connect to the network.

The City will consider the feedback received as part of this SMT to help inform its options and decision making. For the avoidance of doubt, this phase of the project is not part of a formal procurement process and the City is not committing, at this stage, to carrying out such a process.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 March 2022

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: No

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please note that this soft market testing (SMT) exercise is being undertaken using the electronic tendering system 'Capital eSourcing' (url:www.capitalesourcing.com).

Participants should register as a supplier on the portal using the aforementioned URL/link (if not already), then search for the opportunity titled using the Reference number stated below.

If your organisation would like to participate in this soft market testing exercise, it can do so by downloading, completing and returning the SMT Questionnaire which can be found on the City's e-Procurement portal at: www.capitalesourcing.com and use the Reference number: prj_COL_19841 or itt_COL_15303.

Organisations must submit their completed SMT Questionnaire via the capital eSourcing portal www.capitalesourcing.com, together with any supporting documents via the system by the return deadline of 12.00 noon on 20 January 2022 in order to participate and registration is free. SMT Questionnaire(s) cannot be uploaded after the return deadline.

The City will not be held accountable for any errors made by an organisation in submitting their applicable SMT Questionnaire(s).

Participation or non-participation in the SMT shall not prevent any supplier participating in a potential future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the SMT shall place any supplier at an advantage in a potential procurement process.

Participants will not be prejudiced by any response or failure to respond to the SMT or failure to attend any follow up interviews that may be arranged at the absolute discretion of the City.

Participation in this SMT will be at each organisation's own cost. No expense in responding to this SMT will be reimbursed by the City.