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Telecommunications Standards Expert Consultancy Services (PRJ_5587)

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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Scope

Description

The Department for Science, Innovation and Technology ("DSIT") is leading the UK governments' approach to the development of technical standards for advanced telecommunications connectivity technologies.

As part of this, DSIT plans to engage specialists to assist with advancing the standards for these emergent technologies with a view to mitigating ongoing security, resilience, and interoperability issues, and ensuring that advanced connectivity technologies support greater digital inclusion and sustainability.

These specialists would support DSIT by providing technical knowledge and resource when engaging with Standards Development Organisations (SDOs) to support the creation of effective standards which align with UK government objectives.

We would encourage bids from those with extensive experience in one or more of the following:

- Extensive experience in telecommunications research/ network design, with a strong working knowledge of the standards development process;

- Strong evidence of experience working as an active participant in standards development, preferably with considerable experience in 3GPP SA2 or related working groups;
- Strong evidence of experience working as an active participant in standards development, preferably with considerable experience in 3GPP TSG RAN or related working groups;
- Strong understanding of Open RAN design and interfaces;

Familiarity with the key technology debates surrounding 6G development would also be an asset.

Total value (estimated)

- £230,000 excluding VAT
- £276,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 19 August 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2027
- 1 year, 7 months, 13 days

Description of possible extension:

Agreement can be extended by up to 12 months

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Agreement can be extended by up to 12 months subject to business requirements

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71356000 - Technical services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Lot 1. 3GPP SA2

Description

3GPP SA2 standards engagement

Lot value (estimated)

- £90,000 excluding VAT
- £108,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. 3GPP RAN

Description

3GPP RAN & Open RAN standards engagement

Lot value (estimated)

- £140,000 excluding VAT
- £168,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. 3GPP SA2

Lot 2. 3GPP RAN

Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

26 June 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

15 July 2025, 4:30pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://beisgroup.ukp.app.jaggaer.com/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 July 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Order of importance
Technical Envelope	Quality	1
Commercial Envelope	Price	2

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Department for Science, Innovation & Technology

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