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## **Wightfibre Circuits - 1Gbps point to point circuit between County Hall and Somerton**

Isle of Wight Council

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Isle of Wight Council

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ34 - Isle of Wight

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.iow.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

<http://www.iow.gov.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Regional or local authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Wightfibre Circuits - 1Gbps point to point circuit between County Hall and Somerton

Reference number

DN749424

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

1 x 1Gbps point to point circuit between County Hall and Somerton

#### **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: £11,400

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ34 - Isle of Wight

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

1 x point to point connection between County Hall and Somerton.

August 2024 - July 2025 (with 12m extension possible to July 2026)

Cost includes whole life cost (12m+12m)

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

12m Extension

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

1 x point to point connection between County Hall and Somerton.

August 2024 - July 2025 (with 12m extension possible to July 2026)

The supplier (Wight Fibre) has its own Island Infrastructure already in situ; any other supplier would depend on utilising Open Reach infrastructure to supply our requirements, which in itself carries a higher cost than is offered by Wight Fibre, whose infrastructure is already in place. A cost comparison with another provider was carried out with Wight Fibre as lowest cost, but with additional benefits such as monitoring of real time bandwidth and traffic usage. Wight Fibre's offering also includes a large number of public IP addresses on two of the direct internet connections, upstream DNS mirroring, built in resilience, 24/7 365 days a year coverage for faults, monitoring, and reporting.

Continuity of supply of our connection(s) is of high importance and as well as the cost effectiveness mentioned.

The Isle of Wight Council will be observing a 10-day standstill period which will end at midnight on 04 November 2024.

#### IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

25 October 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Wight Fibre

Communications House 56 Love Lane

Cowes

PO31 7EU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ34 - Isle of Wight

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £11,400

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

The High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom