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Planning

## **Growing Sussex 5G Innovation Region**

West Sussex County Council

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-042124

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ27 - West Sussex (South West)

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.westsussex.gov.uk](http://www.westsussex.gov.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://westsussex-esourcingportal.force.com/s/Welcome>

**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**

Growing Sussex 5G Innovation Region

Reference number

I-2656

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

- 32520000 - Telecommunications cable and equipment

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

Supplies

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

West Sussex County Council intends to procure a suitable delivery partner for the design, implementation and operation of a hybrid 5G and advanced wireless network and the delivery of agreed "Use Cases" across three site locations (Growers and Colleges).

The procurement will cover the following activities:

- design, installation and testing of the hybrid 5G and advanced wireless network
- solutions to address the identified "growing" use cases, associated benefits & costs savings
- systems integration to ensure that the Use Case solutions and the network work together
- capacity to deliver further Use Cases to expand the scope of the project over time
- support for the colleges and growers to implement the Use Cases
- hardware, software and devices to support the network and the Use Cases
- ongoing maintenance & support

participation in showcasing and network events at the college and grower sites and development of playbooks to encourage further use and innovation

- an ecosystem of innovation partners to bring further value and showcase the advanced wireless network

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 32412100 - Telecommunications network

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

West Sussex

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

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wireless network.

The opportunity will be open to all suitably qualified suppliers able to deliver the requirements over the long term, either as single suppliers or as a prime contractor utilizing third parties/ partners to deliver some of the elements.

In terms of timescales, the council intends to start a procurement in Jan 2024 with a view to awarding a contract by March / April 2024. The awarded supplier would then be expected to deliver the advanced wireless infrastructure and use case implementation at all the sites, in time for the start of the academic year in Sept 2024. It is anticipated that the term of the contract will be for 3 years, with a requirement to spend the DSIT funding in the first 18 months.

There may be opportunities during the contract period to add additional site locations if further funding is acquired.

#### **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: £3,000,000

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Please also see Request for Information on Contracts Finder linked below which contains further details about this project:

<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Notice/dc83efed-0a94-44a6-9df9-13db0ccbb903>

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

22 January 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **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.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

1 March 2024

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

High Court

London

Country

United Kingdom