This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/045282-2025

Tender

TMBC IT Networking Equipment - Invitation To Tender

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

UK4: Tender notice - Procurement Act 2023 - view information about notice types

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-045282

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-056b75

Published 1 August 2025, 2:51pm

Scope

Description

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is looking for a reputable supplier of Core Networking and Wifi solutions. The Council's Networking and Wi-Fi infrastructure is being refreshed to bring this up to date and to enable leverage of new cutting-edge technologies. This refresh is coinciding with a new data centre creation and will be used to enable a Wi-Fi first approach within our head office in West Malling and our other satellite offices. A new data centre is being created in the head office, this doesn't actually exist yet but the works are looking likely to proceed, if for any reason the space isn't created any new solution would feature in its existing location. The proposed solutions must facilitate seamless administration, scalability, and robust performance through an intuitive graphical user interface (GUI).

Key Dates & Timeline for Procurement

Tender release: 1st of August 2025

Expression of Interest Deadline: 12:00pm 22nd of August 2025

Deadline for submission of completed tenders: 12:00pm 29th of August 2025

Evaluation: w/c 1st of September 2025

Appointment of contractor: w/c 6th of October 2025

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT

- £0 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 14 October 2025 to 13 October 2028

- Possible extension to 13 October 2030

- 5 years

Description of possible extension:

Two optional annual extension

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72400000 - Internet services

Contract locations

- UKJ46 - West Kent

Lot 1. Core Network Requirements

Description

The Council's Networking infrastructure and Wi-Fi infrastructure is being refreshed to bring this up to date and to enable leverage of new cutting-edge technologies. This refresh is coinciding with a new data centre creation and will be used to enable a Wi-Fi first approach within our head office and our other satellite offices. The proposed solutions must facilitate seamless administration, scalability, and robust performance through an intuitive graphical user interface (GUI).

The supplier shall be responsible for the provision, configuration, and deployment of the following IT network components:

• Core Switch - 2 x clustered 24 port switches most ports can all be 1gb will need fibre ports for connectivity to edge switches requirement for 1 x 10gb fibre link also.

• Core Router - Requirements for 4 ethernet ports speed 1GB

• Network Edge Switches - 8 x 48 port switches speed 1GB, POE and stackable (4 and 4) 1GB fibre link back to core.

Lot value (estimated)

• £0 excluding VAT

• £0 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2. Additional Wifi Requirements

Description

The Council's Networking infrastructure and Wi-Fi infrastructure is being refreshed to bring this up to date and to enable leverage of new cutting-edge technologies. This refresh is coinciding with a new data centre creation and will be used to enable a Wi-Fi first approach within our head office and our other satellite offices. The proposed solutions must facilitate seamless administration, scalability, and robust performance through an intuitive graphical user interface (GUI).

The supplier shall be responsible for the provision, configuration, and deployment of the following IT network components:

• Wi-Fi Access Points (APs) - 44 x Wi-Fi 6E PoE access points

• Wi-Fi Controllers - preferably cloud-based

Lot value (estimated)

• £0 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Core Network Requirements

Lot 2. Additional Wifi Requirements

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

22 August 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

29 August 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Website - www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

Project Reference - DN785113

Project Name - TMBC IT Networking Equipment - Invitation To Tender

Tenderers interested in this project, must register their interest via The Kent Business Portal. Once registered, all documents will be available, tenderers will also be able to ask any questions through the messaging tab.

Tenderers must submit their response via The Kent Business Portal.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Cost	Cost	60%
Quality	Quality	40%

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - open competition

Documents

Associated tender documents

http://www.kentbusinessportal.org.uk

Project Reference - DN785113

Project Name - TMBC IT Networking Equipment - Invitation To Tender

Tenderers interested in this project, must register their interest via The Kent Business Portal. Once registered, all documents will be available, tenderers will also be able to ask any questions through the messaging tab.

Tenderers must submit their response via The Kent Business Portal.

Contracting authority

Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBNB-2692-VQCJ

Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill

West Malling

ME19 4LZ

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@tunbridgewells.gov.uk

Region: UKJ46 - West Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government