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## **Enterprise Network Replacement Programme - Further Competition via CCS Network Services 3 Framework (Lot 2a)**

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

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Call for competition

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

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

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Headquarters, Marlborough St,

Bristol

BS13NU

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK11 - Bristol, City of

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

RA7

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/bristol-weston-nhs-purchasing-consortium/procurement-strategy>

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://service.ariba.com/Supplier.aw/109549047/aw?awh=r&awssk=Uy.bqbwd&dard=1>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://service.ariba.com/Supplier.aw/109549047/aw?awh=r&awssk=Uy.bqbwd&dard=1>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

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

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

Enterprise Network Replacement Programme - Further Competition via CCS Network Services 3 Framework (Lot 2a)

Reference number

BWPCIT001745

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

- 72710000 - Local area network services

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

Services

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

Deadline for tender submission: Wednesday 24th September at 12:00pm

This Prior Information Notice is being used as a call for competition under Regulation 48(5) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

This procurement is being conducted as a Further Competition under the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Network Services 3 Framework - Lot 2a (Local Connectivity Services). - <https://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk/agreements/RM6116:2a/lot-suppliers>

Only suppliers appointed to Lot 2a of the CCS Network Services 3 Framework are eligible to participate.

Framework suppliers must access the competition documentation via the BWPC SAP Ariba platform.

#### **1. Introduction to BWPC and How to Do Business**

The Bristol & Weston NHS Purchasing Consortium (BWPC) is a collaborative procurement organisation serving NHS Trusts across the region. BWPC supports strategic sourcing and procurement activities, ensuring value for money and compliance with public sector regulations.

BWPC shall issue the Invitation to Further Competition via the SAP Ariba e-procurement platform, using the email addresses registered by suppliers on the CCS Network Services

3 Framework (Lot 2a). Eligible suppliers shall receive an automated invitation to participate in the competition, enabling access to the portal and initiation of the e-procurement process.

Please note: This opportunity is strictly limited to suppliers appointed to Lot 2a of the CCS Network Services 3 Framework. Suppliers not listed on the framework are not eligible to participate and should not submit enquiries regarding bidding.

Suppliers interested in doing business with BWPC must be registered on the SAP Ariba e-procurement platform, which facilitates secure and transparent tendering processes.

Guidance on registration and access is available via the BWPC supplier portal:

<https://www.nbt.nhs.uk/bristol-weston-nhs-purchasing-consortium/supplier-sap-business-network>

## 2. UHBW's Digital Strategy and the Role of Network Replacement

University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust (UHBW) is committed to delivering a modern, digitally enabled healthcare environment. The Trust's Five-Year Digital Strategy outlines a vision for integrated, intelligent systems that empower clinicians and improve patient outcomes.

The Enterprise Network Replacement Programme is a foundational enabler of this strategy, ensuring resilient, secure, and high-performance connectivity across all UHBW sites.

For more info, please review:

[https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/uhbw\\_five\\_year\\_digital\\_strategy\\_published.pdf](https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/assets/1/uhbw_five_year_digital_strategy_published.pdf)

## 3. Strategic Context - Bristol NHS Group

UHBW is part of the Bristol NHS Group, a collaborative initiative between local NHS organisations to deliver joined-up care across the region. The network replacement programme aligns with the Group's long-term goals and more information can be found:

<https://www.uhbw.nhs.uk/p/about-us/bristol-nhs-group>

## 4. Procurement Route and Eligibility

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This Prior Information Notice is being used as a call for competition under Regulation 48(5) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. No further contract notice will be published. Interested suppliers must express interest via the BWPC SAP Ariba platform.

## 5. Key Dates and Information

Estimated contract value: £24,500,000

Contract duration: 7 years with the option to extend a further 3 years

Deadline for tender submission: Wednesday 24th September at 12:00pm

Anticipated contract start date: 1st April 2026

Contact point for enquiries: [Procurement@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:Procurement@nbt.nhs.uk)

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

Value excluding VAT: £24,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 32410000 - Local area network
- 72710000 - Local area network services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust

Trust Headquarters

Marlborough Street

Bristol

BS1 3NU

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

The Trust is seeking to procure a managed service for the replacement and ongoing maintenance of its enterprise network infrastructure.

This service shall encompass the design, deployment, and lifecycle support of a resilient, secure, and scalable network across all UHBW sites.

The solution must align with the Trust's digital strategy and support critical clinical and operational services through high-availability connectivity, proactive monitoring, and responsive support.

Please refer to Schedule 4 - Specification, for further detail regarding the requirement.

#### **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: £24,500,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Authority reserves the right to extend the contract by a further period or periods not exceeding thirty-six (36) months in total.

Such extensions may be exercised in increments of twelve (12) months or any other combination of periods, provided that the total duration of the contract does not exceed one-hundred and twenty (120) months.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Suppliers must be appointed to Lot 2a of the CCS Network Services 3 Framework, which confirms their suitability to pursue the professional activity required under this procurement.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

1 September 2025

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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

1 April 2026

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

The High Court of Justice of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom