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Contract

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme DPS Lot 25.02 Shropshire

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for Science, Innovation and Technology

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London

SW1A 2BQ

Contact

Contract Management Team

Email

gis-procurement@bduk.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI32 - Westminster

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-science-innovation-and-technology>

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy Programme DPS Lot 25.02 Shropshire

Reference number

C0186

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Shropshire CC

II.2.4) Description of the procurement at the time of conclusion of the contract:

The geographic scope of the DPS is UK-wide. Its focus is to target the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in the final 20% (f20) of the country that is not commercially viable for the market to design, build and operate without government intervention. Following successful admission of Suppliers onto the DPS, Suppliers can tender for Call-Off Contracts. Each Call-Off Contract will vary in terms of number of premises covered, value and geographic coverage. BDUK currently expects the average Call-Off Contract size to be around 1,000 to 8,000 premises.

The DPS will be used by BDUK and will be available to the UK's Devolved Administrations to award Call-Off Contracts. Devolved Administrations refers to the National Assembly for Wales; the Scottish Government; and the Northern Ireland Assembly and Executive Committee.

The UK Government has confirmed that approximately £5 billion will be allocated to target the final 20% (f20), the hardest to reach parts of the UK. BDUK will be targeting its market intervention in these areas of the UK via a programme to subsidise the design, build and operation of gigabit-capable Supplier networks providing long-term, sustainable availability of wholesale gigabit broadband services in the hardest to reach parts of the UK. Suppliers must be qualified onto the DPS to be eligible to bid for Call-Off Contracts.

This procurement is for the award of a Dynamic Purchasing System Contract – Shropshire 25.02. It concerns the delivery of a gigabit-capable network for an estimated total number of 12,277 premises. BDUK intends to make available £24,042,000 of public funding available for this contract.

Only those Suppliers successfully admitted onto the DPS are eligible to bid on this ITT.

The provision of subsidy will be provided in accordance with the UK subsidy control regime.

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

Start date

19 April 2023

End date

9 October 2032

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years

2014/25/EU justification

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Contract award notice concerning this contract

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

C0360

Lot No

25.02

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

19 April 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

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

Freedom Fibre Ltd

Freedom Fibre, Northbank House, Siemens Rd

Manchester

M44 5AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (at the time of conclusion of the contract;excluding VAT)

Total value of the procurement: £34,356,801

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

All documents concerning the Regional Supplier Contract Standard Selection Questionnaire (SQ), Regional Supplier Contract ITT and Regional Supplier Contract will be available to Suppliers via our e-tendering system. Suppliers must register onto the system to have access to view these documents. Registration is free to Suppliers and the link to the e-tendering site can be found here; <https://bduk.force.com/s/Welcome>

DCMS reserves the right not to award a Regional Supplier Contract under this procurement, to cancel the procurement process at any time and to change the procurement process (including any requirement or deadline).

DCMS reserves the right not to proceed with, to cancel or to adjust the Deferred Scope as referred to in II.2.4 above, in particular as a result of the authorisation process provided for in the contract.

DCMS shall not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by Suppliers and accepts no liability for any costs, charges or expenses in relation to the process to award the Regional Supplier Contract, including if the procurement process is cancelled, amended or delayed.

Suppliers are advised that DCMS is subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act") If a Supplier considers that any of the information supplied as part of this procurement procedure should not be disclosed because of its commercial sensitivity, confidentiality or otherwise, it must, when providing this information, clearly identify the specific information it does not wish to be disclosed and clearly specify the reasons for its sensitivity. DCMS shall take such statements into consideration in the event that it receives a request pursuant to the Act which relates to the information provided by the interested party. Please note that it is not sufficient to include a statement of confidentiality encompassing all the information provided in the response.

DCMS will follow the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) to award the Regional Supplier Contract.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand, Holborn

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.find-court-tribunal.service.gov.uk/courts/royal-courts-of-justice>

Section VII: Modifications to the contract/concession

VII.1) Description of the procurement after the modifications

VII.1.1) Main CPV code

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

VII.1.3) Place of performance

NUTS code

- UKG22 - Shropshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Shropshire CC

VII.1.4) Description of the procurement:

The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme is a government programme aimed to

support the build of gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure in the areas of the UK which are unlikely to attract commercial investment for gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure within a reasonable timeframe, if at all, referred to as the final 20% (f20). Building Digital UK (BDUK, an Executive agency of DCMS) will be targeting its market intervention in these areas of the UK via this subsidy award programme, to subsidise the build of gigabit-capable networks providing long-term, sustainable availability of wholesale gigabit broadband services in the hardest to reach parts of the UK. The Gigabit Infrastructure Subsidy programme builds on the success of existing programmes being delivered by BDUK to deliver gigabit-capable networks across the UK. It is envisaged this programme will last for up to 9 years and award contracts throughout that period.

VII.1.5) Duration of the contract, framework agreement, dynamic purchasing system or concession

Start date

19 April 2023

End date

9 October 2032

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The contract is divided into three stages (Stage 1 design six months, Stage 2 build four years and Stage 3 Monitor and Clawback seven years). Stage 2 has been reduced due to descope.

VII.1.6) Information on value of the contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession:

£8,230,635

VII.1.7) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Freedom Fibre Ltd

Freedom Fibre, Northbank House, Siemens Rd

Manchester

M44 5AH

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

VII.2) Information about modifications

VII.2.1) Description of the modifications

Nature and extent of the modifications (with indication of possible earlier changes to the contract):

Following the modification, the awarded contract value has decreased by £26,126,166 to £8,230,635 from the original value of £34,356,801. The awarded premises have decreased by 8,614 to a total of 3,409 from the original 12,023.

VII.2.2) Reasons for modification

Need for modification brought about by circumstances which a diligent contracting authority/entity could not foresee.

Description of the circumstances which rendered the modification necessary and explanation of the unforeseen nature of these circumstances:

Change in supplier's investment.

VII.2.3) Increase in price

Updated total contract value before the modifications (taking into account possible earlier contract modifications, price adaptations and average inflation)

Value excluding VAT: £34,356,801

Total contract value after the modifications

Value excluding VAT: £8,230,635