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Planning

Managed Wide Area Network (WAN)

North Ayrshire Council

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA00337

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Regional or local authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Managed Wide Area Network (WAN)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72720000 - Wide area network services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

North Ayrshire Council (“NAC”) are looking to notify the market about the potential contract opportunity for a managed wide area network (“WAN”).

The purpose of this market engagement questionnaire is to give suppliers advanced notice of the contract, determine the best route to market, and to help shape the procurement process in terms of any minimum requirements set.

This procurement is not simply a technical refresh. NAC’s WAN is the backbone of its service delivery—supporting schools, corporate functions, libraries, cloud adoption, public safety, digital learning, and emerging smart technologies. It will also provide the foundation upon which NAC intends to build broader digital connectivity ambitions.

Suppliers should therefore view this opportunity through both a technical and strategic lens. While the immediate requirement is the delivery of a secure, resilient, high-performance WAN, NAC also intends to leverage this procurement to invite ideas, innovation, and additional value that can support wider digital, economic, and social outcomes across the region.

NAC are a strong believer in early supplier engagement to ensure the success of contracts. We would therefore like to encourage you to participate to ensure your feedback is captured and considered.

The questionnaire should be returned to William Tomelty, Procurement Team Manager (Sustainability) at williamtomelty@north-ayrshire.gov.uk before close of business 9th December 2025.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 32430000 - Wide area network
- 32410000 - Local area network
- 32412100 - Telecommunications network
- 32500000 - Telecommunications equipment and supplies

- 32510000 - Wireless telecommunications system
- 32520000 - Telecommunications cable and equipment
- 32521000 - Telecommunications cable
- 32522000 - Telecommunications equipment
- 32524000 - Telecommunications system
- 45232332 - Ancillary works for telecommunications
- 45314000 - Installation of telecommunications equipment
- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 50331000 - Repair and maintenance services of telecommunications lines
- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 64200000 - Telecommunications services
- 64227000 - Integrated telecommunications services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM93 - East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire mainland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The resultant procurement process will be carried out via Public Contract Scotland-Tender.

Exact dates have yet to be confirmed however, NAC's current contract is due to expire September 2027.

It is imperative the new WAN is in place before this time to allow a seamless transition. We therefore hope to award by September 2026 (allowing a 12 months mobilisation period).

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

6 February 2026

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Please refer to the Market Engagement Questionnaire for background detail, scope, objectives, digital ambition, expected outcomes, core technical outcomes and strategic outcomes.

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https://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=816722.

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