

**United Kingdom-Cambridge: Telecommunications equipment and supplies**

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.3. Main activity**

Other: research and education networks

**I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

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**II.1. Description****II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

AfricaConnect2 — Cluster 2 (WACREN) IP Routing Equipment Framework Tender

**II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery**

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Main site or place of performance: Within and Between West and Central Africa and Western Europe.

NUTS code

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in years: 4

### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

GEANT Ltd is coordinating procurement efforts under the AfricaConnect2 (AC2) project. The project, funded by the European Commission Development and Cooperation-EuropeAid directorate ([http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm)), aims to establish a high-capacity network for research and education in West and Central African region, and to connect this network to the worldwide community of Research and Education Networks through GÉANT, the pan-European Research and Education Network operated by GEANT Ltd.

The beneficiaries of AfricaConnect2 are the NRENs under the WACREN, the regional research and Education Network for the region. WACREN currently has membership drawn from Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Niger, Nigeria and Cameroon albeit the aims of the AC2 project are to connect additional countries in the region as they join WACREN during the project.

This tender is for the establishment of a framework agreement, the scope of which is the supply, installation, support and maintenance of network equipment.

It is intended that qualifying bidders will engage in a competitive dialogue exercise with GEANT and WACREN so that the project team can find a partner who has the experience and reach across the Western and Central part of the African continent.

It should be noted that any framework agreement awarded as a result of this tender exercise will be available for use by the WACREN NRENs, FasoREN, GabonREN, GARNET, MailREN, NgREN, NigerREN, RerBenin, RITER, snRER and TogoRER.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

32500000 Telecommunications equipment and supplies

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

The equipment (and associated install, support and maintenance services) required are divided into 5 areas, namely:

— IP Routing equipment and associated services: To be deployed at the backbone of the proposed network. Some of the routers will be placed in aggregation PoPs to serve as connection points for more than 1 NREN location, while others will act as end points serving only 1 NREN, the capability to upgrade from an edge PoP to an aggregation PoP is expected. The PoPs will be interconnected using links of various capacities ranging from 1 — 10 Gb, presented as Ethernet on single mode fiber. The proposed solution must therefore be capable of connecting to circuits operating initially at these capacities on Ethernet interfaces.

— Out-of-band (OOB) equipment and associated services: Comprising of provision, delivery and support of Internet Protocol (IP) and serial data communications equipment to provide a separate channel to access equipment at the PoPs. For each of the Points of Presence (PoP) that will be established, an OOB access solution will be required.

— Traffic flow analysis solution: This refers to the provision, delivery and support of a solution for IP traffic flows capture, analysis, accounting and security related operational activities. This will include servers, software and associated licenses.

— Network performance monitoring equipment: This refers to the provision, delivery and support of servers, Mini-PC hardware and switching equipment for network measurements and end-to-end performance monitoring.

— Ancillary equipment such as cabinets, power distribution units and distribution frames required in the establishment of a PoP.

The WACREN NRENs that will also be able to access the Framework Agreement are: FasoREN, GabonREN, GARNET, MaliREN, NgREN, NigerREN, RerBenin, RITER, snRER, TogoRER

The Framework Agreement will novate to WACREN at the end of the AC2 project in November 2018.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 100 000 and 5 000 000 EUR

## **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

## **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

## **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

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

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### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

Participants will be advised if this is needed during the procurement. Parent Co guarantees (or other guarantees of performance and financial stability) may be required by GEANT.

#### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

No specific legal form is required but if a contract is awarded to a consortium, GEANT may require the consortium to form a separate legal entity before entering into any contract.

#### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

No specific legal form is required but if a contract is awarded to a consortium, GEANT may require the consortium to form a separate legal entity before entering into any contract.

#### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: Candidates personal situation will be assessed on the basis of information provided in response to the Invitation to Tender (ITT). This procurement will be managed electronically via GEANT's eProcurement platform where all tender documents can be found. To participate in this procurement, participants must first be registered on [www.geant-procurement.net](http://www.geant-procurement.net) Please note that to register you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at [www.geant-procurement.net](http://www.geant-procurement.net) Once you have registered at [www.geant-procurement.net](http://www.geant-procurement.net) a registered user can express an interest for a specific procurement.

### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Candidates economic and financial capacity will be assessed according to the criteria set out within the ITT available from the GEANT procurement portal (see III.2.1.).

### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

Candidates economic and financial capacity will be assessed according to the criteria set out within the ITT available from the GEANT procurement portal (see III.2.1.).

### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

#### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

#### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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competitive dialogue

#### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number 3: and Maximum number 9

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Bidders who have successfully passed the PQQ assessment will have their Outline Proposals evaluated and scored on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender.

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

### **IV.2. Award criteria**

#### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

### **IV.3. Administrative information**

#### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

AC2 Cluster 2 Equipment Framework Competitive Dialogue

#### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

##### **Prior information notice**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2015/S 144-265479](#) of 29.7.2015

#### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no

#### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

28.2.2017

#### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

#### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

#### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

#### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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#### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

#### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
yes

Identification of the project: DCI-PANAF/2015/362-307.

#### **VI.3. Additional information**

[www.africaconnect2.net](http://www.africaconnect2.net)

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

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

##### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: GEANT Ltd will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to Bidders. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which shall be for minimum of 10 calendar days provides time for unsuccessful bidders to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed, or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules, to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

**VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland)Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

19.1.2017