

United Kingdom-Cambridge: Telecommunications equipment and supplies

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: GEANT Limited

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: www.geant.orgAddress of the buyer profile: www.geant-procurement.net**Additional information can be obtained from:**

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

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

WAN optimized and OpenFlow 1.3 Compliant Ethernet Switches — Framework Agreement Tender.

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

Supplies

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 several operators

Number Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 5

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 1 and 5 000 000 EUR

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

GEANT seeks to establish one or more framework agreement(s) that will support the sourcing of products and services required for it to investigate programmable and virtualisation technologies.

This is to enable it to deal with exponential bandwidth increases and highly unpredictable traffic in a more economical way.

The intent is to:

- mitigate the need to over provision at multiple network layers, delivering application awareness in the network for application-based path selection;
- integration with other Infrastructures;
- add programmability to offer the ability to use APIs to link applications to the network.

It will also remove our dependence on vendor software and provide the ability to outsource / crowdsource service development, enabling greater agility as well as increasing the speed of service development.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

32500000 Telecommunications equipment and supplies

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

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 GEANT network is built using leading-edge technologies to create advanced, high-bandwidth infrastructure and end-to-end services that meet the needs of our partners and of their data-intensive R&E communities, facilitating collaboration and discovery by researchers around the world. As leaders in networking technology, the networks that we build and operate also act as testbeds for innovation, providing vital experience that drives their successful adoption by commercial providers.

We are seeking providers who can supply and support SDN equipment to integrate within the GEANT network as described above.

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

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

Participants will be advised if this is necessary during the procurement. Parent company and /or other guarantees of performance and financial stability may be required by GEANT Ltd or proposed by participants if considered appropriate.

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 Ltd 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 Ltd may require the consortium to form a separate legal entity before entering into any Contract.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

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) or other tender

documentation as referred to within this notice. This procurement will be managed electronically via GEANT's e-

Procurement platform where all tender documents can be found. To participate in this procurement, participants

must first be registered on www.geant-procurement.net

Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS numbers (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

Once you have registered at 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' technical capacity will be assessed according to the criteria set out within the ITT

or other tender documentation as referred to

within this notice. The ITT can be accessed at

www.geant-procurement.net using the instructions detailed in III.2.1).

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Candidates' technical capacity will be assessed according to the criteria set out within the ITT or other tender documentation as referred to within this notice. The ITT can be accessed at www.geant-procurement.net using the instructions detailed in 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

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Open

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

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

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

SDN Framework

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 24.2.2017 - 09:00

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

24.2.2017 - 17:00

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
until: 31.10.2017

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Section VI: Complementary information

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: GN4-1 691567.

VI.3. Additional information

The proposed Framework Agreement will permit GEANT Ltd's shareholder NRENs, awarding a contract under

this Framework Agreement, to publish the text of that contract, subject to possible redactions at the discretion

of the contracting body. GEANT Ltd expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any contract as a result of

the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may

see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will GEANT Ltd be

liable for any costs incurred by the participants. If GEANT Ltd decides to enter into a Framework Agreement

with the successful Supplier(s), this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being

awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely

for the commercial judgement of participants. Any orders placed under this Framework Agreement will form

a separate contract under the scope of this Framework Agreement between the Supplier and the specific

requesting other contracting body. GEANT Ltd and its associated NRENs utilising the Framework Agreement

reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement.

National Research and Education Networks (NRENs) are specialised internet service providers dedicated to

supporting the needs of their national research and education communities. The primary focus is to provide

high-quality network connectivity and related services to higher education and research institutions within

their countries. NRENs offer national backbones and international connectivity of exceptional quality. In most GEANT partner countries, the typical core capacity is now 10Gbps, and reaches 100Gbps in some NRENs.

Some NRENs deploy several paths in their backbone, effectively increasing its capacity even further. Further

information on NRENs may be found at:

<https://www.terena.org/publications/files/20090127-case-for-nrens.pdf>

GEANT Ltd is putting in place Framework Agreements which will be accessible for use by GEANT and

the NRENs located in the countries listed within the tender documents and any future successors to

said organisations, (except PSNC in Poland), full details for which can be found at:

<http://www.geant.org/>

About/Membership/Pages/MAandGAreps.aspx and http://www.geant.org/About/Membership/Pages/Membership_map.aspx

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

23.1.2017