

United Kingdom-Cambridge: Postal and telecommunications services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: GEANT Limited (formerly DANTE)

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: www.geant.netAddress of the buyer profile: <http://www.dante-procurement.net>Electronic access to information: <http://www.dante-procurement.net>Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: <http://www.dante-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**

Other: UK Limited Company

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: yes

Official name: MoRENet

Postal address: Ministry of Science and technology of Mozambique, 770 Patrice Lumumba Avenue

Town: Maputo

Country: Mozambique

Official name: X-Net

Postal address: Ministry of Education Government Office Park, Luther Stgreet

Town: Windhoek

Country: Namibia

Official name: RwEdNet
Postal address: Kigali Institute of Science, Technology and Management
Town: Kigali
Country: Rwanda

Official name: SomaliREN
Postal address: Industrial Road, Simad University Main Campus
Town: Mogadishu
Country: Somalia

Official name: SUIN
Postal address: Information Technology and Networks Administration (ITNA) University of Khartoum
Town: Khartoum
Country: Sudan

Official name: TERNET
Postal address: P.O. Box 95062, Kawawa Roa
Town: Dar es Salaam
Country: Tanzania

Official name: RENU
Postal address: DICTS Network Operations Centre, Faculty of Computing and Information Technology, Block A, Makerere University, P.O. Box 350069
Town: Kampala
Country: Uganda

Official name: ZAMREN
Postal address: University of Zambia, Great East Road Campus, School of Education Building, P.O. Box 32379
Town: Lusaka
Country: Zambia

Official name: TENET
Postal address: House Vincent, 10 Ebenezer Road
Town: Wynberg
Postal code: 7800
Country: South Africa

Official name: IRENALA
Postal address: Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research — Fiadanana
Town: Antananarivo
Postal code: 101
Country: Madagascar

Official name: Eb@ale
Postal address: Avenue de la Democratie No 44, Gombe
Town: Kinshasa
Country: Democratic Republic of the Congo

Official name: EthERNet
Postal address: c/o ICT Center of Excellence, Ground Floor of International Leadership Institute Building, Madagascar Street
Town: Addis Ababa
Country: Ethiopia

Official name: KENET
Postal address: P.O. Box 30244 00100
Town: Nairobi
Country: Kenya

Official name: Burundi Education and Research Network (BERNET)
Postal address: C/o Secretariat Executif des Technologies de l'Information et de la Communication (SETIC) BP. 3385
Town: Bujumbura II
Country: Burundi
Official name: UbuntuNet Alliance
Postal address: P.O. Box 2550
Town: Lilongwe
Country: Malawi
Official name: MAREN
Postal address: University of Malawi Central Office, Box 278, Zomba
Town: Blantyre
Country: Malawi

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

AfricaConnect — Connectivity 2015.

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

Services

Service category No 5: Telecommunications services

NUTS code

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

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

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

GEANT Ltd on behalf of the UbuntuNet Alliance and European National Research and Education Networks, is coordinating procurement efforts under the AfricaConnect project. The project, funded by the European Commission Development and Cooperation — EuropeAid directorate (http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm), aims to establish a high-capacity network for research and education in Southern and Eastern Africa (ESA) region, and to connect this network to the world wide community of Research and Education Networks through GÉANT, the pan-European Research and Education Network operated by GÉANT Ltd.

The beneficiaries of AfricaConnect are the NRENs under the UbuntuNet Alliance, the regional Research and Education Network for the ESA region. The Alliance currently has membership drawn from 15 countries namely: The Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Burundi, Uganda and Zambia. The project has European partners comprising the National Research and Education Networks (NREN) of Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and Portugal who respectively represent the GÉANT community.

Africa Connect has already established a network within ESA with the following links in production;

1. SEACOM CLS, Mtunzini to KDN Data Center, Sameer Park, Nairobi with drops at SEACOM CLS Maputo and SEACOM CLS Dar es Salaam, @ STM 4.
2. KDN Data Centre, Sameer Park, Nairobi to Liquid Rwanda PoP, Kigali with a drop at NITA-U Data Centre, Statistics House, Kampala, @ STM 4.

3. EASSY CLS, Mtunzini to Amsterdam with a drop at KDN Data Centre, Sameer Park, Nairobi, @ STM 4.

4. Seacom CLS, Dar Es Salaam to Lusaka, @ STM 4.

The above Africa Connect links are complemented by a number of UA and NREN provided links in the region to form a resilient network.

The nature of the funding from DG DEVCO is such that an 8 % proportion of the 14 750 000 EUR budget (1 180 000 EUR) is retained by the EC until after the project is closed and has been subject to an EC review. GÉANT and the UA are seeking proposals for increases in bandwidth on these routes that will need to be implemented and invoiced before the project closes in May 2015.

However it must be noted that funds to support such bandwidth increases will not be available until after the project is closed and has been subject to a satisfactory review by the European Commission. Only then will funds be released by DG Devco. GÉANT and the UA are not able to commit any upfront funding of this magnitude and so a Competitive Dialogue procedure is being embarked upon to establish the potential that may exist in respect of commercial providers who are able to work within the GÉANT — DEVCO grant fund contractual and commercial environment.

This Competitive Dialogue procurement will seek to establish what the contractual and commercial construct will be that can support the increase of bandwidth on extant routes or the establishment of new routes with deferred payment options.

The term of the contract is anticipated to be 10 years, this will be discussed in the dialogue stage as well as the potential route options.

PQQ documentation, draft requirements and guidance documents are available at www.dante-procurement.net

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

64000000 Postal and telecommunications services

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

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

Duration in months: 120 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

None.

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

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

Where bids are submitted by a consortium or association, the members of it would be required either to nominate a lead organisation with whom the contracting authority can contract with; or form themselves into a single legal entity; or to accept joint several liability.

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

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Organisations that express interest in this tender will be required to provide this information as part of their response to the Selection questionnaire within the tender documentation they will receive. Economic operators should confirm that none of the reasons for exclusion in Article 45 or directive 2004/18/EC applies to their organisation.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Candidates will be required to demonstrate as part of their response to the Selection questionnaire within the tender documentation they will receive that they have adequate financial resources at their disposal.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Organisations that express interest in this tender will be required to provide this information as part of their response to the Selection questionnaire within the tender documentation they will receive.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Candidates will be required to demonstrate as part of their response to the Selection questionnaire within the tender documentation they will receive that they have adequate technical resources at their disposal.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

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

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

Section IV: Procedure

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

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

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

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

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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

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: FED/2010/255139.

VI.3. Additional information

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

VI.4.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: GEANT will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 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**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

21.1.2015