

United Kingdom-Cambridge: Telecommunications services

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**

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: no

Section II: Object of the contract

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

Africa Connect 2 — Cluster 3 — Connectivity Between Tunis and GEANT.

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

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

This notice is being placed to invite tenders in respect of capacity for a new research and education networking project called AfricaConnect2 (AC2). GÉANT is contracted by the European Commission to connect West and Central Africa (Cluster 2) and North African (Cluster 3)

In undertaking this work GÉANT (www.geant.org) is partnered by regional R&E networking organisations WACREN (www.wacren.net) and ASREN (www.asrenorg.net). South and South Eastern Africa form Cluster 1 and are served by a sister project contracted between the UbuntuNet Alliance and the EC.

AC2 runs from June 2015 to end November 2018 and it will connect the participating national research and education network (NREN) partners.

This call for tenders is in respect of capacity services for an initial 1 year term at 1 GBPS between the Tunisian National Research and Education Network in Tunis and GEANT in Europe at either Marseille, Amsterdam or London.

All connectivity will be used for non-commercial purposes only, duration of contract terms will be set out in the tender documents and long term arrangements will be considered.

This procurement will be managed electronically via GEANT's e-Procurement platform (www.geant-procurement.net) where all tender documents can be found. Please log to download them.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

64200000 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: yes

Number of possible renewals: Range: between 1 and 2

In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:

in months: 6 (from the award of the contract)

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

Duration in months: 12 (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

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 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 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

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). 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: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Candidates' economic and financial capacity will be assessed according to the criteria set out within the ITT. The ITT can be assessed at www.dante-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 The ITT can be assessed 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

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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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

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2015/S 144-266148](#) 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

4.3.2016 - 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

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: Africa Connect DCI-PANAF/2015/362-307.

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 Limited (formerly DANTE) will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. The 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 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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

3.2.2016