

United Kingdom-Cambridge: Telecommunications services
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Contract award notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Delivery of Advanced Network Technology to Europe Limited

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General address of the contracting authority: www.dante.net

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Other: UK Limited Company

I.3. Main activity

Other: Research & 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: Cooperacion Latinoamericana de Redes Avanzadas (CLARA)

Postal address: Rambla Republica de Mexico 6125

Town: Montevideo

Postal code: 11400

Country: Uruguay

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title

GÉANT Transatlantic Connectivity to RedCLARA.

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 (DPS)

II.1.4.

Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

The GÉANT and RedCLARA Networks are interconnected by a 2.5Gbps link between Sao Paulo, Brazil and Madrid, Spain, procured under the EC-funded ALICE2 project. DANTE and CLARA required a Managed Network Link to provide continued interconnection between the GÉANT and RedCLARA Networks when the current contract term expires.

This procurement was for a single transatlantic link from a GÉANT PoP and upgrade of the extant GÉANT-RedCLARA link. The aim was to upgrade from the current 2.5Gbps capacity to 5Gbps whilst achieving savings over current spend in light of an increasingly competitive market environment. The minimum capacity acceptable was 2.5Gbps. Tenderers were asked to note that the link tendered for would be used for non-commercial purposes by the Latin American and EU NRENs as well as any EC-funded demonstration projects. There will be no commercial re-sale or commercial transit permitted over the procured link. Connectivity prices offered were expected to reflect the non-commercial nature of RedCLARA and DANTE; the education grant nature of the funding; the special opportunities it will give for boosting research and education within Latin America and between the region and Europe; and the fact that low cost connectivity for universities will generate graduates who demand the same level of access in the workplace thus bringing all the associated economic growth opportunities that long-term strategic investments in research and education networking have demonstrated in the World.

II.1.5. CPV code(s)

64200000 Telecommunications services

II.1.6. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.2. Total value of the contract/lot

II.2.1. Total value of the contract/lot

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Open

IV.2. Award criteria

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The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Total Cost of Ownership. Weighting 60
2. Quality Technical Criterion. Weighting 25
3. Contract. Weighting 15

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been 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

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Section V: Award of contract

Lot No: 2

- Lot title: 5Gbps Transatlantic data link

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

30.10.2013

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 4

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Telecom Italia Sparkle SpA

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Town: Rome

Postal code: 00147

Country: Italy

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V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: no

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. 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: GN3plus - 605243

VI.2. Additional information

Initial Contract term 12 months with options to extend for a total term of up to 3 years.

VI.3. Procedures for review

VI.3.1. Review body

VI.3.2. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: DANTE incorporated a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract was communicated to tenderers. That notification provided full information on the award decision. The standstill period, was for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provided time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract was entered into. The Public Contracts regulations 2006 provides 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.3.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.4. Date of dispatch of this notice

18.2.2014