

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

Official name: Delivery of Advanced Network Technology to Europe Limited

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Internet address(es):General address of the contracting authority: www.dante.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: Research and Education Networks

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: CESNET

Postal address: Zikova 4

Town: Prague

Postal code: 160 00

Country: Czechia

Official name: SURFmarket

Postal address: Radboudhof, Radboudkwartier 217

Town: Utrecht

Postal code: 3511 CJ

Country: Netherlands

Official name: FCT

Postal address: Av do brasil 101

Town: Lisbon
Postal code: 1700
Country: Portugal
Official name: Red.es
Postal address: Edificio Bronce Plaza Manuel Gomes Moreno S/N
Town: Madrid
Postal code: 28020
Country: Spain
Official name: SUNET
Postal address: Tulegatan 11
Town: Stockholm
Postal code: SE-SE-113 53
Country: Sweden

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

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

Procurement of pan European mobile services in 2014 by five National Research and Education Networks (Czech Republic, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and Sweden).

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)

DANTE (Delivery of Advanced Network Technology to Europe) was established in 1993 to coordinate pan-European research and education (R&E) networking on behalf of Europe's National Research and Education Networks (NRENs). Since then our role has evolved to that of a true services innovator, incorporating network planning, procurement, build and operation, as well as coordination of research programmes and development of innovative services.

Working with NREN partners and the European Commission (EC) in the GÉANT programme, the high speed networks that we build and operate connect NRENs to each other, and to the rest of the world, enabling scientists, academics, innovators and students to collaborate across dedicated networks regardless of their location.

These networks are 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 innovations, providing vital experiences that drive their successful adoption by commercial providers.

The research and education community is increasingly “cutting the cord” and research and education users are rapidly adopting mobile devices and a “nomadic” work style, both on and off campus. They want to be able to go online anytime and anyplace. However, the current mobile services (3GP; 3G and 4G services) supplied by commercial providers in many

countries do not offer sufficient value: subscription costs are too high, data bundles (i.e. the data traffic permitted) are too low, and the mobile services are not connected to the research and education IT infrastructure. This limited and fragmented experience impedes the research and education community in their work.

Smartphones have increasingly become a standard (used by up to 80 %) with higher education students. This procurement process aims to significantly lower the costs of Smartphone usage in five countries representing 3.2 million end users.

NRENS are DANTE's principal partners in creating and providing new services for users across the research and education community. National Research and Education Networks (NRENS) are specialised internet service providers dedicated to supporting the needs of the research and education communities within their country. NRENS are usually the places where new Internet protocols and architectures are introduced before deployment within the Public Internet.

DANTE is a limited liability company and a not-for-profit organisation, owned by a group of 15 European NRENS (see Shareholders). The GÉANT network, our flagship project, not only provides a blueprint for networking and service innovation, but also showcases excellence in project management, with DANTE now managing and coordinating very large-scale projects all over the world.

DANTE is working with five NRENS (see below) on a pilot to provide mobile connectivity solutions in their countries for users within the research and education domain.

DANTE is seeking to facilitate the award of a contract between each of the five NRENS and one or more mobile connectivity service providers.

Each of the five NRENS taking part in this pilot shall be considered as a separate lot. These are:

1. Czech Republic - CESNET.
2. The Netherlands - SURFnet and SURFmarket.
3. Portugal - FCCN.
4. Spain - REDIRIS.
5. Sweden - SUNET.

DANTE have placed a voluntary OJEU notice to inform the market of this opportunity and commence procurement on behalf of the five NRENS involved. It is intended that the conclusion of the procurement procedure will result in the award of up to five Agreements between the NREN and Preferred Bidder(s). These agreements will set out the terms on which services are to be made available to R&E end users (e.g. discounts) and any obligations incurred by the NRENS in facilitating this arrangement. The End User will then sign a separate contract with the Preferred Bidder.

The procurement falls outside of public sector procurement regulations, but as DANTE and the NRENS are bodies operating in the General Interest the procurement process will follow the principles of EC Public Procurement Directives.

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: no

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

See Section II.1.5

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: 1

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

in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

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

Duration in months: 32 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: CESNET - Czech Republic

1) Short description

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 2

Lot title: SURFmarket - The Netherlands

1) Short description

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 3

Lot title: FCT - Portugal

1) Short description

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Red.es - Spain

1) Short description

2) CPV code(s)

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3) Quantity or scope

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 5

Lot title: SUNET - Sweden

1) Short description

2) CPV code(s)

64200000 Telecommunications services

3) Quantity or scope

4) Indication about different time frame or duration

5) Additional information about lots

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 DANTE 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

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

No special legal form is required but if a contract is awarded to a consortium, DANTE 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: This procurement will be managed electronically via DANTE's e-Procurement platform. To participate in this procurement, participants must first be registered on www.dante-procurement.net . If you have not yet registered on the e-Procurement platform, this can be done online at www.dante-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.dante-procurement.net

Once you have registered at www.dante-procurement.net a registered user can express an interest for a specific procurement.

For technical assistance on use of DANTE's e-Procurement platform, please refer to the help guides that are available on the right hand side of the screen when registering. If these do not resolve your query, please contact procurement@dante.net

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Candidates' economic and financial capacity will be assessed on the basis of information provided in response to the tender documents.

The RFI can be assess 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 on the basis of information provided in response to the tender documents.

The RFI can be assess at: www.dante-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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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

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

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2013/S 249-434742](#) of 24.12.2013

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: 25.4.2014 - 12:00

Payable documents: no

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

2.5.2014 - 12:00

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: GN3 - 238875.

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: DANTE 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 (SI 2006 No 5) 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

21.3.2014