

**United Kingdom-Cambridge: Telecommunications services**

OJ S 62/2015 28/03/2015

Contract notice

Services

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

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: [www.geant.org](http://www.geant.org)**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: no

**Section II: Object of the contract**

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

EUMEDCONNECT — Connectivity to Algeria.

**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)**

One of GEANT Limited's contracts with the European Commission is for the EUMEDCONNECT3 project to provide network connectivity to support research and education communities in North African and the Eastern Mediterranean areas. This tender is part of the EUMEDCONNECT3 project to upgrade the international connectivity connecting the Algerian Research Network (ARN), and managed by CERIST, to GEANT and is currently at a capacity of 622 Mbps. As part of the EUMEDCONNECT3 project GEANT Limited is partnered by the Arab States Research and Education Network (ASREN) which is a non-profit organisation supporting the development of R&E networking within the Arab region. ASREN has established a hub in London which is being supported by GEANT Limited. Other GEANT connection points are also given and will be considered if they offer significant cost advantages.

This procurement seeks to award a contract for upgrading the capacity connecting ARN to Europe, through the EUMEDCONNECT programme to 2 GBps or higher as set out in the Lots (See Section 3.1.5). It is being conducted under the 2015 Regulations in the form of an Open Procedure.

Contracts that may be awarded from this procurement will run for a maximum term of 3 years and will allow for incremental increases in capacity over time.

#### **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: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

#### **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: 36 (from the award of the contract)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Alger-London — 2 Gbps — Ethernet

#### **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**

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Alger-London — 4Gbps — Ethernet

**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**

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Alger-London — 10 Gbps — Ethernet

**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**

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Alger-London — 2.5 Gbps — SDH

**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**

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Alger-Marseille — 2 Gbps — Ethernet

**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**

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Alger-Marseille — 4 Gbps — Ethernet

- 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**

Lot No: 7

Lot title: Alger-Marseille — 10 Gbps — Ethernet

- 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**

Lot No: 8

Lot title: Alger-Marseille — 2,5 Gbps — SDH

- 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**

Lot No: 9

Lot title: Alger-Milan — 2 Gbps — Ethernet

- 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**

Lot No: 10

Lot title: Alger-Milan — 4 Gbps — Ethernet

- 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**

Lot No: 11

Lot title: Alger-Milan — 10 Gbps — Ethernet

**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**

Lot No: 12

Lot title: Alger-Milan — 2,5 Gbps — SDH

**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**

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**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.dante-procurement.net](http://www.dante-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.dante-procurement.net](http://www.dante-procurement.net)

Once you have registered at [www.dante-procurement.net](http://www.dante-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](http://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.dante-procurement.net](http://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**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

#### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

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 8-009430](#) of 13.1.2015

#### **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**

22.4.2015 - 09:00

#### **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**

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#### **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: EUMEDCONNECT 3 - ENPI/2011/272-421.

#### **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**

23.3.2015