

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.netElectronic access to information: www.dante-procurement.netElectronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: 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 – not for profit

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: CERNET

Postal address: China Education and Research Network, Tsinghua University,

Town: Beijing

Postal code: 100084

Country: China

Section II: Object of the contract

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

ORIENTplus (Europe/China High Speed Bandwidth)

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

Services

Service category No 5: Telecommunications services

Main site or place of performance: Between Europe and Asia

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)

The national research and education networks (NRENs) of Europe and China have jointly funded, dedicated point to point connectivity via direct terrestrial fibre optic cables since 2007. This links the pan-European GÉANT network and the Chinese networks CERNET and CSTNET enabling scientific and academic collaborations between their research and education communities.

The current contract for EU/China connectivity provides 10 Gbps capacity up to December 2014 through a project called ORIENTplus which is funded by the NRENs, the European Commission's FP7 programme and the Chinese government. Previous connectivity contracts and their funding have alternated between the European and Chinese sides. This time the EU and Chinese project partners are tendering together and wish to explore options to maintain or increase the capacity of the direct connectivity between them including multi- year leases or IRUs with potential terms of up to 20 years and potential bandwidth increases of up to 100Gbps during the contract period. The contracting authority is interested in exploring contractual and financing options during the dialogue process.

Upon any successful award(s) by DANTE under this procurement exercise, where it has been made clear in the final tender documentation alternate contract forms may be defined including possible novation to Chinese project partner(s).

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

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: Range: between 1 and 5

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: 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 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 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.

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.

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

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

8.8.2014 - 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: ORIENTplus - Grant Agreement No 283334

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

1.7.2014