

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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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: 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: no

Section II: Object of the contract

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

Paris-New York 100Gbps Wavelength.

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)

This procurement seeks to establish a contract for capacity services at 100 Gbps between Paris and New York. It is being conducted under the 2006 Regulations in the form of an Open Procedure and DANTE is seeking solution proposals and pricing for layer 2, unprotected 100Gbps circuits to support research networking between Europe and North America - specifically Paris to New York. There are three lots that Bidders are invited to respond to. All lots relate to the same technical and routing requirements, however DANTE wish to understand the commercial models that may be available for a circuit of this magnitude and want to consider short term lease pricing (1 or 3 year terms) as well as longer term (15 year) IRU costs.

Note that DANTE reserves the right to award only one lot or no lots at all.

Whilst DANTE is seeking an unprotected link, information regarding network routing and topology is vital if we are to construct resilient partner links for GÉANT. Information will be sought in respect of the circuit that DANTE may contract for particularly the routing (and PoPs that circuits traverse) will be required as part of Bidder responses and this may include diversity in respect of the following aspects:

- a) Cable System,
- b) Landing stations,
- c) Terrestrial fibre connecting the landing stations to the end points.

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

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: yes

Description of options: See Section II.1.5.

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: 3 year lease (Initial Term 12 months)

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Short description

Paris-New York 100Gbps Wavelength — 3 year lease (Initial Term 12 months plus 2 optional extensions).

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: 3 year lease (committed 3 year term)

1) Short description

Paris-New York 100Gbps Wavelength — 3 year lease (committed 3 year term).

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: Paris-New York 100Gbps Wavelength — 15 year IRU

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**

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

No specific 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.1.3. 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, 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: Candidates' personal situation will be assessed on the basis of information provided in response to a Selection Questionnaire. This procurement will be managed electronically via DANTE'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. 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.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Candidates' economic and financial capacity will be assessed according to the criteria set out within the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ). The PQQ can be accessed 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 PQQ. The PQQ can be downloaded from 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

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

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

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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: RI-605243 - GN3PLUS

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

28.7.2014