

**United Kingdom-Hinxworth: Communications network**

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Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: East of England Broadband Network (Regional Broadband Consortium)

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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**

Body governed by public law

**I.3. Main activity**

Education

**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**

E2BN Network Framework Tender.

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

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

Main site or place of performance: Primarily the East of England plus call-off use by other public sector users within the UK (United Kingdom).

NUTS code UK United Kingdom

### **II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

Framework agreement with several operators

Maximum number Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement  
: 9

#### **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in years: 4

### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

The East of England Broadband Network (E2BN) is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced suppliers who wish to be considered for inclusion in a Framework Agreement(s) for the provision of Network associated equipment and services with the focus on last mile connectivity.

E2BN was formed as part of the National Grid for Learning initiative and currently represents the local government authorities of Cambridgeshire County Council, , Norfolk County Council, Suffolk County Council, and the unitary authorities of Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire, Luton, Milton Keynes, Peterborough, Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea. Other public authority members may properly be admitted from time to time. E2BN aims are to: (a) provide high quality learning content to schools, other learners, learning institutions and the general public; and (b) provide links with public institutions, such as Local Authorities, libraries; and (c) secure best value high bandwidth connectivity and other associated services for schools and other relevant bodies.

E2BN are currently connecting many schools directly throughout the UK.

Much of E2BNs existing provision is through existing contracted provision which expires in autumn 2014. E2BN are now seeking to refresh that contracted position with the award of a new framework contract which is expected to be for a period of up to 3 years with the option to extend by a further 1 year.

The replacement of Framework Agreement arrangements for the following:

1. Network routing and switching equipment (including wireless transmission equipment and antenna);
2. Software for operating and managing network equipment;
3. Other network associated equipment and services such as servers, firewall, cabling, caching equipment, content delivery mechanisms, telephony equipment, video communication, etc;
4. Carrier services providing data, voice, video and other multi media services;
5. Hosting, co-location and other services such as offsite backup;
6. Installation, maintenance and support services for such equipment and services;
7. Associated consultancy services such as network design, analysis, security, and project management.

The framework is expected to enable not only E2BN but its members and their associated public partners and other educational users within the UK having a character similar to E2BN's members or their associated partners to benefit from competed best value call off of relevant services. It is also expected the framework will enable service users to expand, upgrade and replace network based services.

E2BN will seek from suppliers the most appropriate, economically advantageous solution to the services and supplies referred to in the Descriptive Document and above. Contracts may be let for one or more of the requirements above or any part or parts thereof.

Any company bidding should be adequately experienced in managing and administering contracts and services of this size. Financial and other information need not be supplied initially as a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and a Descriptive Document will be issued to all companies expressing an interest.

Note: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit [http://www.mytenders.org/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1747](http://www.mytenders.org/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA1747) or [tender@e2bn.org](mailto:tender@e2bn.org)

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#### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

32412000 Communications network, 32412110 Internet network, 32412120 Intranet network, 32421000 Network cabling, 32420000 Network equipment, 50312300 Maintenance and repair of data network equipment, 64227000 Integrated telecommunications services, 72222300 Information technology services, 72224000 Project management consultancy services, 72246000 Systems consultancy 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**

#### **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**

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Network Services — Carrier Services

#### **1) Short description**

Connectivity of various sites utilising all types of connectivity available as appropriate, directly or via Local Authority sites.

#### **2) CPV code(s)**

64227000 Integrated telecommunications services, 32412000 Communications network

#### **3) Quantity or scope**

This is seen as the main requirement and is expected to attract the majority of orders.

#### **4) Indication about different time frame or duration**

## 5) Additional information about lots

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Network Services — Hardware

### 1) Short description

Primarily in support of Lot 1 but also to compliment existing networks the following types of equipment may be required: Network routing and switching equipment including wireless; software for operating and managing network equipment; other network associated equipment such as servers, caching equipment, telephony and video communications; hosting and other services such as backup; Installation, maintenance and support services for such equipment and services.

### 2) CPV code(s)

32412000 Communications network, 32412110 Internet network, 32412120 Intranet network, 32421000 Network cabling, 32422000 Network components, 50312300 Maintenance and repair of data network equipment, 64227000 Integrated telecommunications services

### 3) Quantity or scope

The framework is expected to enable not only E2BN but also its members and their associated public sector partners with a best value procurement route.

### 4) Indication about different time frame or duration

### 5) Additional information about lots

## Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

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### III.1. Conditions related to the contract

#### III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

#### 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

#### 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

#### III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: (1) All candidates will be required to provide evidence of relevant professional risk indemnity insurance.

(2) All candidates will be required to provide a statement, covering the 3 previous financial years including the overall turnover of the candidate and the turnover in respect of the activities which are of a similar type to the subject matter of this notice.

#### III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

- (1) A statement of the candidate's average annual number of staff and managerial staff over the previous 3 years.
- (2) An indication of the proportion of the contract which the services provider intends possibly to subcontract.

#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

##### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

##### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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

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Restricted

##### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Most economical advantageous tender.

##### **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**

##### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

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

26.9.2014 - 12:00

##### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

6.10.2014

##### **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**

#### **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

#### **VI.3. Additional information**

(MT Ref:139016).

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

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##### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

##### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

##### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

15.8.2014