

290842-2026 - Direct award preannouncement

Ireland – Mobile-telephone services – Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice for Direct Award of Contract Agreement for Mobile data SIM cards providing secure wireless mobile data connectivity for traffic signals on existing APN infrastructure.

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Voluntary ex-ante transparency notice
Services

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Dublin City Council

Email: jo.martin@dublincity.ie

Legal type of the buyer: Local authority

Activity of the contracting authority: General public services

2. Procedure

2.1. Procedure

Title: Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice for Direct Award of Contract Agreement for Mobile data SIM cards providing secure wireless mobile data connectivity for traffic signals on existing APN infrastructure.

Description: Dublin City Council gives notice to invoke Article 32.2 (b)(ii) of Directive 2014/24 /EU which allows for use of the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition where the works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator where competition is absent for technical reasons. A contract will be awarded to Vodafone Ireland for a period of one year with the option to extend for three further one year periods, for the provision of managed mobile data connectivity services to support the operation of Dublin City Council's traffic signal network. The scope of the contract includes the supply, activation, management, and ongoing operation of mobile data SIM cards installed within traffic signals across the city. These SIM cards provide secure and resilient wireless communications between on street traffic signal infrastructure and the central Traffic Management System, enabling real time traffic signal control, monitoring, configuration, fault detection, and operational management. Mobile data connectivity is used both as a primary communications method at locations where fixed line connectivity is unavailable or unsuitable, and as a resilient backup or failover solution operating alongside fixed line services to ensure continuity of traffic signal operations in the event of network outages or faults. The service operates within an existing private Access Point Name (APN) architecture integrated with the Council's traffic management systems and security infrastructure, supporting mission critical, always on communications for the traffic signal network. The value of the contract is €640,320 ex VAT.

Procedure identifier: b8c3becb-e3b8-495b-8b34-c8b34fdd3410

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Services

Main classification (cpv): 64212000 Mobile-telephone services

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

5.1.6. General information

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: No strategic procurement

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

6. Results

Direct award

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Justification for direct award: The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons

Other justification: Dublin City Council operates a citywide traffic signal network that depends on secure, resilient mobile data SIM#based connectivity to enable continuous, real#time communication between on#street traffic signals and the central Traffic Management System. This connectivity supports both primary communications where fixed#line services are unavailable or unsuitable, and backup or failover connectivity where fixed#line services are in place. The mobile connectivity service operates within an existing private Access Point Name (APN) architecture that is partially owned and maintained by Dublin City Council and partially owned and maintained by Vodafone. This APN infrastructure has been specifically designed, configured, security#hardened, and integrated to interoperate with Vodafone SIM cards embedded within the existing traffic signal infrastructure. SIM cards or mobile connectivity services from alternative providers would not interoperate with the existing APN architecture, security configuration, routing, and management platforms used for traffic signal operations. Changing provider would require the redesign or replacement of the APN infrastructure, reconfiguration of traffic signals, and extensive testing, introducing unacceptable operational and safety risks to the continuous operation of the traffic signal network. For these objective technical and interoperability reasons, the mobile data SIM connectivity service required for traffic signal operations can only be provided by Vodafone at this time, and no reasonable alternative or substitute exists. Accordingly, the award of the contract by way of a direct award without prior publication is justified under Article 32 of Directive 2014/24/EU.

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: Vodafone Ireland Ltd

Tender:

Tender identifier: Vodafone Ireland Ltd

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: Voluntary Ex Ante Transparency Notice for Direct Award of Contract Agreement for Mobile data SIM cards providing secure wireless mobile data connectivity for traffic signals on existing APN infrastructure.

Information about European Union funds:

Organisation signing the contract: Dublin City Council

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Dublin City Council

Postal address: Civic Offices, Wood Quay

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D08 RF3F

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

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Internet address: <https://www.dublincity.ie>

Buyer profile: <https://www.dublincity.ie>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

Organisation signing the contract

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland

Registration number: The High Court of Ireland

Department: The High Court of Ireland

Postal address: Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7

Town: Dublin

Postcode: D07 WDX8

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Email: HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie

Telephone: +353 1 8886000

Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.

Registration number: 002024901000

Department: European Dynamics S.A.

Town: Athens

Postcode: 15125

Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)

Country: Greece

Email: eproc-esender@eurodyn.com

Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

8.1. ORG-0004

Official name: Vodafone Ireland Ltd

Size of the economic operator: Micro, small, or medium

Town: Leopardstown

Postcode: D18 XN97

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

Contact point: Anastasia Brigham De Silva Ramalho

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

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