

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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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

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

Connectivity to Ireland.

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 will establish a contract for capacity services at 20 Gbps between Dublin and London. 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, multiple 10 Gbps circuits to refresh the connectivity to the Republic of Ireland.

Connectivity for the Republic of Ireland's NREN HEAnet, is delivered through 2 diverse links. One of these (provided in partnership with the English NREN, Janet) will remain and the scope of this procurement is for a replacement to the other existing link. This is required to be diverse from the Janet link and once implemented will provide 20 Gbps of protected capacity.

The contract that may be awarded from this procurement will run for a maximum term of 3 years and will allow for increases in capacity in 10 Gbps increments.

DANTE may in the life of the contract require the London end of the Service to be shifted to Telectiy Manchester. Bidders are required to identify prices/options for doing this as part of their offer.

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: no

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: 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: Dublin-London 20 Gbps (2*10 Gbps) Wavelength Service — 3 year lease (Initial Term 12 months plus 2 optional extensions)

1) Short description

NB Yr 2 and Yr 3 pricing should be stated to include any renewal discount or consideration to market rate reductions.

With option pricing for additional 10 Gbps wavelengths on a 12 month term (or part of), so they can be co-terminated (pricing to be stated on a full 12 month term for the purpose of

evaluation).

Option pricing should be included to re-home the service to Manchester during the Service life.

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: Dublin-London 20 Gbps (2*10 Gbps) Wavelength Service — 3 year lease (committed 3 year term)

1) Short description

NB For the avoidance of doubt the costs are to be paid over the contract period.

With option pricing for additional 10 Gbps wavelengths on a 12 month term (or part of), so they can be co-terminated (pricing to be stated on a full 12 month term for the purpose of evaluation).

Option pricing should be included to re-home the service to Manchester during the Service life.

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: Dublin (InterXion PoP option)-London 20 Gbps (2*10 Gbps) Wavelength Service — 3 year lease (Initial Term 12 months plus 2 optional extensions)

1) Short description

NB Yr 2 and Yr 3 pricing should be stated to include any renewal discount or consideration to market rate reductions.

With option pricing for additional 10 Gbps wavelengths on a 12 month term (or part of), so they can be co-terminated (pricing to be stated on a full 12 month term for the purpose of evaluation).

Option pricing should be included to re-home the service to Manchester during the Service life.

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: Dublin (InterXion PoP option)-London 20 Gbps (2*10 Gbps) Wavelength Service — 3 year lease (committed 3 year term)

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Short description

NB For the avoidance of doubt the costs are to be paid over the contract period.

With option pricing for additional 10 Gbps wavelengths on a 12 month term (or part of), so they can be co-terminated (pricing to be stated on a full 12 month term for the purpose of evaluation).

Option pricing should be included to re-home the service to Manchester during the Service life.

2) CPV code(s)

64200000 Telecommunications services

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 on-line at www.dante-procurement.net

Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Brad-street) 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: Organisations that express interest in this tender will be required to provide this information as part of their response to the Selection questionnaire within the tender documentation they will receive. Economic operators should confirm that none of the reasons for exclusion in Article 45 of directive 2004/18/EC applies to their organisation.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: Candidates will be required to demonstrate as part of their response to the Selection questionnaire within the tender documentation they will receive that they have adequate financial resources at their disposal.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Organisations that express interest in this tender will be required to provide this information as part of their response to the Selection questionnaire within the tender documentation they will receive.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

Candidates will be required to demonstrate as part of their response to the Selection questionnaire within the tender documentation they will receive that they have adequate technical resources at their disposal.

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

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2014/S 86-150394](#) of 3.5.2014

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

25.11.2014

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

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 communicate to tenders. 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

16.10.2014