

**United Kingdom-Cambridge: Telecommunications services**

OJ S 206/2014 25/10/2014

Contract notice

Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: [www.dante.net](http://www.dante.net)Address of the buyer profile: <http://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

**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: yes

Official name: CSTNET

Postal address: Zhongguancun South, 4th Street

Town: Beijing

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Country: China

Official name: CERNET

Postal address: Ching Education and Research Network, Tsinghua University

Town: Beijing

Postal code: 100084

Country: China

**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**

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

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)**

DANTE (Delivery of Advanced Network Technology to Europe) plans, builds and operates advanced networks for research and education, including the pan-European network known as GÉANT and is Co-ordinating partner for the ORIENTplus project.

The ORIENTplus project provides high speed direct connectivity between European NRENs and those in China to foster EU/China collaborative scientific and other user applications.

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 until 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.

A project to renew this connectivity has been established and the EU and Chinese project partners are tendering together to maintain (or increase) the capacity of the connectivity between them, over a multi year term (as stated within the respective Lots). Subject to affordability, the objective of the procurement is to achieve a long term option with an element of future proofing in terms of optional potential bandwidth increases of up to 100 Gbps over the resultant contract term.

While DANTE is conducting this procurement exercise, it is being undertaken in co-operation with CERNET (via Tsinghua University — CERNET Center) and CSTNET, and it is intended that any contract awarded as a result of this tender may be with DANTE or Tsinghua University or both with novation options to any of the parties listed above.

This open tender opportunity replaces the previous contract notice published under this requirement ([2014/S 126-224847](#)).

### **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: no

### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: Range: between 1 and 15

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)

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: 1 Year Term

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

See Section II.1.5.

#### **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 Committed Term

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

See Section II.1.5.

#### **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: 5 Year Term

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

See Section II.1.5.

#### **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: 10 Year Term

- 1) **Short description**  
See Section II.1.5.
- 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: 5

Lot title: 15 Year Term

- 1) **Short description**  
See Section II.1.5.
- 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**

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#### **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: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: 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](http://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 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](http://www.dante-procurement.net)

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](mailto:procurement@dante.net)

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

List and brief description of conditions: Candidate's 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:

Candidate's 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**

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#### **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: [2013/S 236-410237](#) of 5.12.2013

##### **Other previous publications**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2014/S 126-224847](#) of 4.7.2014

#### **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**

20.11.2014

#### **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**

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#### **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**

22.10.2014