

United Kingdom-Norwich: Networks
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Contract notice
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service, part of the Crown

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Address of the buyer profile: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>

I.2. Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.4. Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local subdivisions

I.5. Main activity

Other activity: public services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

Health and Social Care Network (HSCN) Access Services.

Reference number: RM3825

II.1.2. Main CPV code

32400000 Networks

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.1.4. Short description

Crown Commercial Service intends to establish a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for use by or on behalf of UK public sector bodies who have a need for the provision of data access services, to facilitate connectivity to the Health and Social Care Network (HSCN) and additional network services. Non public sector entities may also use the DPS Agreement in order to (i) satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the DPS on their own account; or (ii) deliver Health and/or Social Care services to benefit the public.

Successful bidders will be required to meet the published criteria including HSCN Compliance to be appointed to the DPS. Suppliers will also be asked to confirm whether they are capable of offering Public Services Network (PSN) compliant services <https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/public-services-network>, although this is not mandatory.

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II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 500 000 000,00 GBP

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

64200000 Telecommunications services, 32500000 Telecommunications equipment and supplies, 50334400 Communications system maintenance services, 51300000 Installation services of communications equipment, 48760000 Virus protection software package, 64227000 Integrated telecommunications services, 48510000 Communication software package, 32000000 Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment, 32400000 Networks, 64220000 Telecommunication services except telephone and data transmission services, 32510000 Wireless telecommunications system

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: United Kingdom.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

Crown Commercial Service (the Authority) is putting in place a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for the provision of data access to the Health and Social Care Network compliant with the HSCN Compliance Document Set hosted on <https://digital.nhs.uk/health-social-care-network/suppliers>

This DPS provides Services and associated services from HSCN Compliant suppliers, which are comprised of the Core Component and any Supplementary Component(s).

The Core Component must include HSCN Connectivity Services as defined in the HSCN Obligations Framework that forms part of the HSCN Compliance Document Set as available at <https://digital.nhs.uk/health-social-care-network/suppliers>

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II.2.5.

Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6. Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: 500 000 000,00 GBP

II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months: 78

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
no

II.2.14. Additional information

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions:

Suppliers will be assessed on the selection criteria information provided in response to their Request to Participate for a place on the Health and Social Care Network Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). The procurement will be managed electronically via: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

To participate in this procurement, participants must first be registered on the SID4GOV site at the following link: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>. Following registration, a full copy of the documentation for this DPS will be available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge.

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 DPS agreement and contract if invited to do so.

Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/help/sid4gov/completesq>

The Supplier can submit a request to participate as a single legal entity. Alternatively, you can work together with other legal entities to form a Group of Economic Operators. If you do, we ask the Group of Economic Operators to choose a lead member who will submit the bid on behalf of the Group of Economic Operators and you will have to identify what each of the parties is contributing to the bid.

This DPS Agreement RM3825 is for use by Contracting Authorities in the United Kingdom that exist on 13.10.2017 and which fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. Any of the following:

(a) Ministerial government departments;

- (b) Non ministerial government departments;
 - (c) Executive agencies of government;
 - (d) Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs), including advisory NDPBs, executive NDPBs, and tribunal NDPBs;
 - (e) Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs);
 - (f) Police forces;
 - (g) Fire and rescue services;
 - (h) Ambulance services;
 - (i) Maritime and coastguard agency services;
 - (j) NHS bodies;
 - (k) Educational bodies or establishments including state schools (nursery schools, primary schools, middle or high schools, secondary schools, special schools), academies, colleges, Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), further education colleges and universities;
 - (l) Hospices;
 - (m) National Parks;
 - (n) Housing associations, including registered social landlords;
 - (o) Third sector and charities;
 - (p) Citizens advice bodies;
 - (q) Councils, including county councils, district councils, county borough councils, community councils, London borough councils, unitary councils, metropolitan councils, parish councils;
 - (r) Public corporations;
 - (s) Public financial bodies or institutions;
 - (t) Public pension funds;
 - (u) Central banks; and
 - (v) Civil service bodies, including public sector buying organisations.
2. Those listed and maintained by the Government on their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations> or any replacement web-link.
3. Those listed and maintained by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) at <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide> or any replacement web-link.
4. Those set out in the definition of Contracting Authority in regulation 2(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR), namely:
- (a) the State, regional or local authorities. This covers parliament, central government, regional government and local government;
 - (b) associations formed by one or more regional or local authorities;
- (continued in III.1.3).

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Suppliers will be assessed using economic and financial standing selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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The HSCN Connectivity Services may be managed and/or unmanaged and may have variables and options around its provision including, but not limited to: individual or multiple data connectivity circuits; individual or multiple data connectivity technologies, terrestrial, wireless and satellite solutions; blended (bonded/aggregated) bandwidth; flexible bandwidth; burstable bandwidth; resiliency level (including Non-Resilient; Resilient; Resilient — Diverse; and Resilient — Fully Diverse); and / or multi-tenancy sites (including dynamic bandwidth allocation).

The Supplementary Component(s) may include: cloud service access services; related consultancy services; Internet Service Provider (ISP) and Internet services, including but not limited to in-bound internet services and out-bound internet services; Contracting Body-defined VRFs; support for classes and/or qualities of service — Contracting Body-defined QoS; network related security and access control solutions; PSN Services; and/or services that facilitate voice solutions to operate across HSCN, Including but not limited to support for Session Initiation Protocol (SIP) trunking.

Contracting Bodies will publish their Call for Competition(s) by electronic means including eTendering systems and reserve the right to use a reverse auction. A Call for Competition may include aggregated demand from multiple Contracting Bodies.

A Contract shall be awarded on the basis of the Award Criteria set out in paragraphs 2.1, 2.2.1 and 2.3 in DPS Agreement Schedule 5 (Award Criteria).

The DPS can be accessed here: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Suppliers will be assessed using the technical and professional ability selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents.

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(c) bodies governed by public law, as defined under regulation 2(1) of PCR, including any subsidiary and sponsoring department of such bodies. A body which operates in normal market conditions, aims to make a profit, and bears the losses resulting from the exercise of its activity shall not be considered as being a body governed by public law since the needs in the general interest, that it has been set up to meet or been given the task of meeting, can be deemed to have an industrial or commercial character;

(d) associations formed by one or more bodies governed by public law, including any (applicable) joint venture or corporation; and

(e) central government authorities, as defined under regulation 2(1) of PCR, and listed in Schedule 1 PCR.

Entities which are not public sector bodies may also use the DPS if the Authority is satisfied that either:

(i) such entity is calling off services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies or such other entities as may be entitled to receive the benefit of goods or services under the terms of any Call Off Agreement (Customers) established under the Dynamic Purchasing System Agreement, all of which are entitled to award All Off Agreements on their own account; and all Services to be called-off by it are to be used directly, solely and exclusively by such Customers; and it will pass the benefit of the Call Off Agreement to such Customers in full; or

(ii) where the entity is performing a health or social care function for the benefit of the public, and the Services to be called-off by it are to be used directly, solely and exclusively for the purposes of such function.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

(continued from II.1.4)

Suppliers who are successfully appointed to the DPS will be invited to submit tenders by Contracting Bodies through a Call for Competition. These Contracting Bodies may invite all HSCN certified suppliers (meaning all the suppliers on the DPS) or, where services are

additionally required to be PSN compliant, HSCN certified suppliers who have confirmed they are capable of offering PSN compliant connectivity services, to bid in accordance with regulation 34 (22).

Suppliers must have successfully achieved the published HSCN Compliance to submit a valid tender for evaluation in response to a Call for Competition.

It is recommended that suppliers familiarise themselves with HSCN and the compliance process <https://digital.nhs.uk/health-social-care-network/suppliers#HSCN>.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system. The dynamic purchasing system might be used by additional purchasers.

IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 087-169751](#)

IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 13/11/2017 Local time: 15:00

IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3. Additional information

The value provided in Section II.1.5 is an estimate only. The Authority cannot guarantee to Suppliers any business through the DPS Agreement. The Authority expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any DPS Agreement as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the suppliers.

The duration of this DPS is formed of the Initial DPS Period of thirty (30) months and may be extended where each extension period may be up to a maximum of twenty-four (24) months and the maximum duration of this DPS will not exceed seventy-eight (78) months.
This DPS Agreement will be managed by the Authority and Call Off Agreement (s) will be managed by Contracting Bodies (Customer(s)).
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VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service
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Postal code: NR7 0HS
Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.2. Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

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The requirements for RM3825 are as set out in the Customer Needs document which forms part of the bid pack which is accessible following registration at: <https://sid4gov.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/organisation/register>

The deadline given in section IV is the initial deadline. The DPS remains open to any bidder to request to participate throughout its duration. There is no minimum spend guaranteed under this DPS. There will be no form of exclusivity or volume guarantee under this DPS.

VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Official name: The Minister for the Cabinet Office acting through Crown Commercial Service
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Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

13/10/2017