

UK-Cambridge: data network management and support services

2005/S 16-015293

CONTRACT NOTICE

Services

This contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA):
No.

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

- I.1) **Official name and address of the contracting authority:**
DANTE, Att: tein2-coordinator@dante.org.uk, City House, 126-130
Hills Road, UK-Cambridge CB2 1PQ . Tel.: +44 1223 371300.
Fax: +44 1223 371371. E-mail: tein2-coordinator@dante.org.uk.
URL: www.dante.net/.
- I.2) **Address from which further information can be obtained:**
As in I.1.
- I.3) **Address from which documentation may be obtained:**
As in I.1.
- I.4) **Address to which tenders/requests to participate must be sent:**
As in I.1.
- I.5) **Type of contracting authority:**
Body governed by public law.

SECTION II: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

- II.1) **Description**
- II.1.1) **Type of works contract:**
- II.1.2) **Type of supplies contract:**
- II.1.3) **Type of service contract**
Service category: 5.
- II.1.4) **Framework agreement:**
No.
- II.1.5) **Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**
TEIN2 Network Operations Centre (NOC) Services.
- II.1.6) **Description/object of the contract:**
TEIN2 is a project funded by the European Commission to support the Trans Eurasia Information Network initiative which aims to accelerate the development of research and education networking in Asia and between Asia and Europe. The TEIN2 network is currently being tendered and is expected to comprise a set of circuits and IP router equipment, though the scale and topology of the network will only be defined at the conclusion of that tender. Research networks in the following countries may be connected to TEIN2: China, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia,

Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, with links to Australia and Europe expected.

This tender will invite offers to provide NOC functions for the TEIN2 network at the connectivity and IP layers including network implementation and testing, operational management and monitoring, help desk and trouble ticketing, routing management, security monitoring and management.

Any organisation wishing to receive the tender documentation and be eligible to participate in later stages of the tender must register their interest by e-mail to tein2-coordinator@dante.org.uk before the deadline given in IV.3.4) below.

Familiarity with the research networking environment will be an advantage.

- II.1.7) **Site or location of works, place of delivery or performance:**
The NOC location needs to allow it to deal effectively with Asian research networks and suppliers, and be well connected to the TEIN2 network.
NUTS code: UK, UKH12.
- II.1.8) **Nomenclature**
- II.1.8.1) **Common Procurement Vocabulary (CPV):**
72315000, 64200000.
- II.1.8.2) **Other relevant nomenclature (CPA/NACE/CPC):**
- II.1.9) **Division into lots:**
Yes.
Tenders may be submitted for: All lots.
- II.1.10) **Will variants be accepted:**
Yes.
- II.2) **Quantity or scope of the contract**
- II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope:**
The tender needs to provide NOC services covered in II.1.6) for the whole TEIN2 network in co-operation with other NOCs as necessary and with TEIN2, suppliers and partners. Lots may be required if needed to satisfy national regulatory requirements though in this situation agreements will then be required with the lot providers to achieve a seamless NOC service.
- II.2.2) **Options. Description and time when they may be exercised:**
- II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion:**
Ending: 31.12.2007.

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**
- III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**
Not applicable.
- III.1.2) **Main terms of financing and payment and/or reference to the relevant provisions:**
To be negotiated during tender discussions.

- III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the grouping of suppliers, contractors or service providers to whom the contract is awarded:**
Not applicable.
- III.2) **Conditions for participation**
- III.2.1) **Information concerning the personal situation of the contractor, supplier or service provider and information and formalities necessary for the evaluation of the minimum economic, financial and technical capacity required:**
To be covered in the tender documentation.
- III.2.1.1) **Legal position – means of proof required:**
To be covered in the tender documentation.
- III.2.1.2) **Economic and financial capacity – means of proof required:**
To be covered in the tender documentation.
- III.2.1.3) **Technical capacity – means of proof required:**
To be covered in the tender documentation.
- III.3) **Conditions specific to services contracts**
- III.3.1) **Provision of the service is reserved to a specific profession:**
No.
- III.3.2) **Legal entities required to state the names and professional qualifications of the personnel responsible for execution of the contract:**
Yes.

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

- IV.1) **Type of procedure:**
Negotiated.
- IV.1.1) **Candidates already selected:**
No.
- IV.1.2) **Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure:**
- IV.1.3) **Previous publication concerning the same contract**
- IV.1.3.1) **Prior information notice concerning the same contract:**
- IV.1.3.2) **Other previous publications:**
- IV.1.4) **Envisaged number of suppliers which will be invited to tender:**
- IV.2) **Award criteria:**
The most economically advantageous tender in terms of:
Criteria as stated in contract documents.
- IV.3) **Administrative information**
- IV.3.1) **Reference number attributed to the file by the contracting authority:**
- IV.3.2) **Conditions for obtaining contract document and additional documents:**
- IV.3.3) **Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:**
37 days from dispatch of notice.
- IV.3.4) **Dispatch of invitations to tender to selected candidates:**

Estimated date: 1.3.2005.

- IV.3.5) **Language or languages in which tenders or requests to participate can be drawn up:**
English.
- IV.3.6) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain its tender:**
9 months from the deadline stated for receipt of tenders.
- IV.3.7) **Conditions for opening tenders**
- IV.3.7.1) **Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders:**
- IV.3.7.2) **Date, time and place:**

SECTION VI: OTHER INFORMATION

- VI.1) **Non-mandatory notice:**
No.
- VI.2) **Indication whether this procurement is a recurrent one and the estimated timing for further notices to be published:**
- VI.3) **The contract relates to a project/programme financed by EU funds:**
Yes.
TEIN2, contract Number ASIA/AIDCO/2004/81160.
- VI.4) **Additional information:**
- VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**
20.1.2005.