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**Contract notice**  
(Directive 2004/18/EC)

## Section I : Contracting authority

### I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s):

Official name: [GEANT Limited](#)

National ID: *(if known)*

Postal address: [City House, 126-130 Hills Road](#)

Town: [Cambridge](#)

Postal code: [CB2 1PQ](#)

Country: [United Kingdom \(UK\)](#)

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**Internet address(es):** *(if applicable)*

General address of the contracting authority/entity: *(URL)* [www.geant.org](http://www.geant.org)

Address of the buyer profile: *(URL)* [www.geant-procurement.net](http://www.geant-procurement.net)

Electronic access to information: *(URL)*

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: *(URL)*

**Further information can be obtained from**

- The above mentioned contact point(s)  Other (please complete Annex A.I)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from**

- The above mentioned contact point(s)  Other (please complete Annex A.II)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to**

- The above mentioned contact point(s)  Other (please complete Annex A.III)

### I.2) Type of the contracting authority

- Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions
- National or federal agency/office
- Regional or local authority
- Regional or local agency/office
- Body governed by public law
- European institution/agency or international organisation
- Other: *(please specify)*

### I.3) Main activity

- General public services
- Defence

- Public order and safety
- Environment
- Economic and financial affairs
- Health
- Housing and community amenities
- Social protection
- Recreation, culture and religion
- Education
- Other: *(please specify)*  
[Research & Education Networks](#)

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

yes  no

*information on those contracting authorities can be provided in Annex A*

## Section II : Object of the contract

### II.1) Description :

#### II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority :

[AfricaConnect2 - Cluster 2 \(WACREN\) IP Routing Equipment Framework Tender](#)

#### II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance :

*choose one category only – works, supplies or services – which corresponds most to the specific object of your contract or purchase(s)*

- |   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="radio"/> Works   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Supplies       | <input type="radio"/> Services             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Execution  | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase               | Service category No:                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Design and execution   | <input type="checkbox"/> Lease                  | Please see Annex C1 for service categories |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Realisation, by whatever means of work, corresponding to the requirements specified by the contracting authorities | <input type="checkbox"/> Rental                 |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> Hire purchase          |  |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> A combination of these |  |

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance :

[Within and Between West and Central Africa and Western Europe](#)

NUTS code:

#### II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS):

- The notice involves a public contract
- The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement
- The notice involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)

#### II.1.4) Information on framework agreement : *(if applicable)*

Framework agreement with several operators       Framework agreement with a single operator

Number :

or

*(if applicable)* maximum number :                      of participants to the framework agreement envisaged

#### Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years : 4 or in months :

Justification for a framework agreement, the duration of which exceeds four years :

#### Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement *(if applicable, give figures only)*

Estimated value excluding VAT :                      Currency :

or

Range: between :                      : and :                      : Currency :

Frequency and value of the contracts to be awarded : *(if known)*

#### II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s) :

GEANT LTD is coordinating procurement efforts under the AfricaConnect2 (AC2) project. The project, funded by the European Commission Development and Cooperation-EuropeAid directorate ([http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/index_en.htm)), aims to establish a high-capacity network for research and education in West and Central African region, and to connect this network to the worldwide community of Research and Education Networks through GEANT, the pan-European Research and Education Network operated by GEANT LTD. The beneficiaries of AfricaConnect2 are the NRENs under the WACREN, the regional research and Education Network for the region. WACREN currently has membership drawn from Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Togo, Niger, Nigeria and Cameroun albeit the aims of the AC2 project are to connect additional countries in the region as they join WACREN during the project. This tender is for the establishment of a framework agreement, the scope of which is the supply, installation, support and maintenance of network equipment. It is intended that qualifying bidders will engage in a competitive dialogue exercise with GEANT and WACREN so that the project team can find a partner who has the experience and reach across the Western and Central part of the African continent. It should be noted that any framework agreement awarded as a result of this tender exercise will be available for use by the WACREN NRENs, FasoREN, GabonREN, GARNET, MailREN, NgREN, NigerREN, RerBenin, RITER, snRER and TogoRER.

**II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV) :**

	<b>Main vocabulary</b>	<b>Supplementary vocabulary (if applicable)</b>
<b>Main object</b>	32500000	

**II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) :**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA) :  yes  no

**II.1.8) Lots:** (for information about lots, use Annex B as many times as there are lots)

This contract is divided into lots:  yes  no

(if yes) Tenders may be submitted for

one lot only

one or more lots

all lots

**II.1.9) Information about variants:**

Variants will be accepted :  yes  no

**II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract :**

**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope :** (including all lots, renewals and options, if applicable)

The equipment (and associated install, support and maintenance services) required are divided into five areas, namely:

- IP Routing equipment and associated services: To be deployed at the backbone of the proposed network. Some of the routers will be placed in aggregation PoPs to serve as connection points for more than one NREN location, while others will act as end points serving only one NREN, the capability to upgrade from an edge PoP to an aggregation PoP is expected. The PoPs will be interconnected using links of various capacities ranging from 1 - 10Gb, presented as Ethernet on single mode fiber. The proposed solution must therefore be capable of connecting to circuits operating initially at these capacities on Ethernet interfaces.

- Out-Of-Band (OOB) equipment and associated services: Comprising of provision, delivery and support of Internet Protocol (IP) and serial data communications equipment to provide a separate channel to access equipment at the PoPs. For each of the Points of Presence (PoP) that will be established, an OOB access solution will be required.

- Traffic flow analysis solution: This refers to the provision, delivery and support of a solution for IP traffic flows capture, analysis, accounting and security related operational activities. This will include servers, software and associated licenses.  
- Network performance monitoring equipment: This refers to the provision, delivery and support of servers, Mini-PC hardware and switching equipment for network measurements and end-to-end performance monitoring.  
- Ancillary equipment such as cabinets, power distribution units and distribution frames required in the establishment of a PoP.  
The WACREN NREs that will also be able to access the Framework Agreement are: FasoREN, GabonREN, GARNET, MaliREN, NgREN, NigerREN, RerBenin, RITER, snRER, TogoRER.  
The Framework Agreement will novate to WACREN at the end of the AC2 project in November 2018.

*(if applicable, give figures only)*

Estimated value excluding VAT :                      Currency :

or

Range: between : 100000.00 : and : 5000000.00 :    Currency : EUR

**II.2.2) Information about options :** *(if applicable)*

Options :  yes  no

*(if yes)* Description of these options :

*(if known)* Provisional timetable for recourse to these options :

in months :                      or    in days :                      (from the award of the contract)

**II.2.3) Information about renewals :** *(if applicable)*

This contract is subject to renewal:  yes  no

Number of possible renewals: *(if known)*                      or Range: between :                      and:

*(if known)* In the case of renewable supplies or service contracts, estimated timeframe for subsequent contracts:

in months:                      or in days:                      (from the award of the contract)

**II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion:**

Duration in months :                      or in days:                      (from the award of the contract)

or

Starting:                      (dd/mm/yyyy)

Completion:                      (dd/mm/yyyy)

## Section III : Legal, economic, financial and technical information

### III.1) Conditions relating to the contract:

#### III.1.1) Deposits and guarantees required: *(if applicable)*

Participants will be advised if this is needed during the procurement. Parent Co guarantees (or other guarantees of performance and financial stability) may be required by GEANT

#### 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, GEANT 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: *(if applicable)*

No specific legal form is required but if a contract is awarded to a consortium, GEANT may require the consortium to form a separate legal entity before entering into any contract

#### III.1.4) Other particular conditions: *(if applicable)*

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions :  yes  no  
*(if yes) Description of particular conditions:*

### III.2) Conditions for participation:

#### III.2.1) Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Candidates personal situation will be assessed on the basis of information provided in response to the Invitation to Tender (ITT). This procurement will be managed electronically via GEANT's eProcurement platform where all tender documents can be found. To participate in this procurement, participants must first be registered on [www.geant-procurement.net](http://www.geant-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 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.geant-procurement.net](http://www.geant-procurement.net) Once you have registered at [www.geant-procurement.net](http://www.geant-procurement.net) a registered user can express an interest for a specific procurement.

#### III.2.2) Economic and financial ability:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Candidates economic and financial capacity will be assessed according to the criteria set out within the ITT available from the GEANT procurement portal (see III.2.1.)

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: *(if applicable)*

#### III.2.3) Technical capacity:

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: *(if applicable)*

Candidates economic and financial capacity will be assessed according to the criteria set out within the ITT available from the GEANT procurement portal (see III.2.1.)

**III.2.4) Information about reserved contracts:** *(if applicable)*

- The contract is restricted to sheltered workshops
- The execution of the contract is restricted to the framework of sheltered employment programmes

**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:  yes  no  
*(if yes)* Reference to the relevant law, regulation or administrative provision :

**III.3.2) Staff responsible for the execution of the service:**

Legal persons should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service:  yes  no

## Section IV : Procedure

### IV.1) Type of procedure:

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Open

Restricted

Accelerated restricted

Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure:

Negotiated

Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures) :  yes  no  
(if yes, provide names and addresses of economic operators already selected under Section VI.3 Additional information)

Accelerated negotiated

Justification for the choice of accelerated procedure:

Competitive dialogue

#### IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate: (restricted and negotiated procedures, competitive dialogue)

Envisaged number of operators:

or

Envisaged minimum number: 3 and (if applicable) maximum number 9

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Bidders who have successfully passed the PQQ assessment will have their Outline Proposals evaluated and scored on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender.

#### IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue: (negotiated procedure, competitive dialogue)

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated :  yes  no

### IV.2) Award criteria

#### IV.2.1) Award criteria (please tick the relevant box(es))

Lowest price

or

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

the criteria stated below (the award criteria should be given with their weighting or in descending order of importance where weighting is not possible for demonstrable reasons)

the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

Criteria	Weighting	Criteria	Weighting
1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	



Criteria	Weighting	Criteria	Weighting
4.		9.	
5.		10.	

#### IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used  yes  no

(if yes, if appropriate) Additional information about electronic auction:

#### IV.3) Administrative information:

**IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:** (if applicable)

AC2 Cluster 2 Equipment Framework Competitive Dialogue

**IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract:**

yes  no

(if yes)

Prior information notice  Notice on a buyer profile

Notice number in the OJEU: [2015/S 144-265479](#) of: [29/07/2015](#) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Other previous publications (if applicable)

**IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document:** (in the case of a competitive dialogue)

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents

Date:                      Time:

Payable documents  yes  no

(if yes, give figures only) Price:                      Currency:

Terms and method of payment:

**IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate:**

Date: [28/02/2017](#) Time:

**IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates:** (if known, in the case of restricted and negotiated procedures, and competitive dialogue)

Date:

**IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up:**

Any EU official language

Official EU language(s):

[EN](#)

Other:

**IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender:**

until: :

or

Duration in months :                      or in days :                      (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.3.8) Conditions for opening of tenders:**

Date :                      (dd/mm/yyyy)    Time

*(if applicable)* Place:

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders *(if applicable)* :

yes     no

*(if yes)* Additional information about authorised persons and opening procedure:

## Section VI: Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence: *(if applicable)*

This is a recurrent procurement :  yes  no

*(if yes)* Estimated timing for further notices to be published:

### VI.2) Information about European Union funds:

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

*(if yes)* Reference to project(s) and/or programme(s):

[DCI-PANAF/2015/362-307](#)

### VI.3) Additional information: *(if applicable)*

[www.africaconnect2.net](http://www.africaconnect2.net)

### VI.4) Procedures for appeal:

#### VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures:

Official name:

Postal address:

Town:

Postal code:

Country:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Fax:

Internet address: *(URL)*

#### Body responsible for mediation procedures *(if applicable)*

Official name:

Postal address:

Town:

Postal code:

Country:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Fax:

Internet address: *(URL)*

#### VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals: *(please fill in heading VI.4.2 or if need be, heading VI.4.3)*

GEANT Ltd will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to Bidders. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which shall be for minimum of 10 calendar days provides time for unsuccessful bidders to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) 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 lodging of appeals may be obtained:**

Official name: [High Court \(England, Wales and Northern Ireland\)](#)

Postal address:

Town:

Postal code: [WC2A 2LL](#)

Country: [United Kingdom \(UK\)](#)

Telephone:

E-mail:

Fax:

Internet address: (*URL*)

**VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:**

[19/01/2017](#) (*dd/mm/yyyy*) - ID:2017-008534

**Annex A**  
**Additional addresses and contact points**

**I) Addresses and contact points from which further information can be obtained**

Official name: National ID: *(if known)*  
Postal address:  
Town: Postal code: Country:  
Contact point(s): Telephone:  
For the attention of:  
E-mail: Fax:  
Internet address: *(URL)*

**II) Addresses and contact points from which specifications and additional documents can be obtained**

Official name: National ID: *(if known)*  
Postal address:  
Town: Postal code: Country:  
Contact point(s): Telephone:  
For the attention of:  
E-mail: Fax:  
Internet address: *(URL)*

**III) Addresses and contact points to which tenders/requests to participate must be sent**

Official name: National ID: *(if known)*  
Postal address:  
Town: Postal code: Country:  
Contact point(s): Telephone:  
For the attention of:  
E-mail: Fax:  
Internet address: *(URL)*

**IV) Address of the other contracting authority on behalf of which the contracting authority is purchasing**

Official name National ID ( if known ):  
Postal address:  
Town Postal code  
Country

----- (Use Annex A Section IV as many times as needed) -----

**Annex B**  
**Information about lots**

**Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

**Lot No :**                      **Lot title :**

**1) Short description:**

**2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV):**

Main vocabulary:

**3) Quantity or scope:**

(if known, give figures only) Estimated cost excluding VAT:

Currency:

or

Range: between :

and:

Currency:

**4) Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion: (if applicable)**

Duration in months :                      or in days :                      (from the award of the contract)

or

Starting:                      (dd/mm/yyyy)

Completion:                      (dd/mm/yyyy)

**5) Additional information about lots:**

**Annex C1 – General procurement**  
**Service categories referred to in Section II: Object of the contract**  
**Directive 2004/18/EC**

<b>Category No [1]</b>	<b>Subject</b>
1	Maintenance and repair services
2	Land transport services [2], including armoured car services, and courier services, except transport of mail
3	Air transport services of passengers and freight, except transport of mail
4	Transport of mail by land [3] and by air
5	Telecommunications services
6	Financial services: a) Insurances services b) Banking and investment services [4]
7	Computer and related services
8	Research and development services [5]
9	Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services
10	Market research and public opinion polling services
11	Management consulting services [6] and related services
12	Architectural services; engineering services and integrated engineering services; urban planning and landscape engineering services; related scientific and technical consulting services; technical testing and analysis services
13	Advertising services
14	Building-cleaning services and property management services
15	Publishing and printing services on a fee or contract basis
16	Sewage and refuse disposal services; sanitation and similar services
<b>Category No [7]</b>	<b>Subject</b>
17	Hotel and restaurant services
18	Rail transport services
19	Water transport services
20	Supporting and auxiliary transport services
21	Legal services
22	Personnel placement and supply services [8]
23	Investigation and security services, except armoured car services
24	Education and vocational education services
25	Health and social services
26	Recreational, cultural and sporting services [9]
27	Other services

1 Service categories within the meaning of Article 20 and Annex IIA to Directive 2004/18/EC.

2 Except for rail transport services covered by category 18.

3 Except for rail transport services covered by category 18.

4 Except financial services in connection with the issue, sale, purchase or transfer of securities or other financial instruments, and central bank services. The following are also excluded: services involving the acquisition or rental, by whatever financial means, of land, existing buildings or other immovable property or concerning rights thereon. However, financial service contracts concluded at the same time as, before or after the contract of acquisition or rental, in whatever form, shall be subject to the Directive.

- 5 Except research and development services other than those where the benefits accrue exclusively to the contracting authority for its use in the conduct of its own affairs on condition that the service provided is wholly remunerated by the contracting authority.
- 6 Except arbitration and conciliation services.
- 7 Service categories within the meaning of Article 21 and Annex IIB of Directive 2004/18/EC.
- 8 Except employment contracts.
- 9 Except contracts for the acquisition, development, production or co-production of program material by broadcasters and contracts for broadcasting time.