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Contract notice
(Directive 2004/18/EC)

Section I : Contracting authority

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

Official name: [The Ubuntunet Alliance](#)

National ID: *(if known)*

Postal address: [UbuntuNet Alliance, Off Paul Kagame Road, HB House, Block C, P.O. Box 2550, Lilongwe](#)

Town: [Lilongwe](#)

Postal code:

Country: [Malawi \(MW\)](#)

Contact point(s): [Phil Matthews](#)

Telephone: [+44 7944924389](#)

For the attention of:

E-mail: phil.matthews@loudred.co.uk

Fax:

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

General address of the contracting authority/entity: *(URL)* <http://www.ubuntunet.net>

Address of the buyer profile: *(URL)* <http://http://www.ubuntunet.net>

Electronic access to information: *(URL)* <http://www.ubuntunet.net/procurement>

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: *(URL)* <http://www.ubuntunet.net/procurement>

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)*
[National Research and Education Network Aggregator](#)

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)*

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 :

Research and Education Capacity Network Infrastructure

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 type="radio"/> Supplies | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Execution | <input type="checkbox"/> Purchase | Service category No: 5 |
| <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 :

Eastern and Southern Africa

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 : 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) :

The UbuntuNet Alliance (UA) is seeking offers for capacity services under the forthcoming AfricaConnect 2 project. The project, funded by the Pan African Programme (http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/regions/africa/continental-cooperation/pan-african-programme_en) will build upon the high-capacity network for research and education that has been partially established in the Southern and Eastern Africa (ESA) region under the AfricaConnect 1 funding programme (which finished successfully on 5th May 2015).

The programme, supported by a combined EC and African NREN budget of €10m, will increase the resilience of extant links and reach out to newly joining NRENs to the UA from within ESA. It will support the new and improved network between the region and the world wide community of Research and Education Networks by continuing to connect with GÉANT, the pan-European Research and Education Network operated by GÉANT Ltd.

The beneficiaries of AfricaConnect are the NRENs under the UbuntuNet Alliance, the regional Research and Education Network for the ESA region. The Alliance currently has membership drawn from 15 countries namely: The Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Burundi, Uganda and Zambia. The project has European partners comprising the National Research and Education Networks (NREN) of Germany, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands and Portugal who respectively represent the GÉANT community.

AfricaConnect 1 has already established a network within ESA with the following links in production;

1. SEACOM CLS, Mtunzini to KDN Data Center, Sameer Park, Nairobi with drops at SEACOM CLS Maputo and SEACOM CLS Dar es Salaam, @ STM 4.
2. KDN Data Centre, Sameer Park, Nairobi to VLP room, Telecom House Rwanda, Kigali with a drop at NITA-U Data Centre, Statistics House, Kampala, @ STM 4.
3. EASSY CLS, Mtunzini to Amsterdam with a drop at KDN Data Centre, Sameer Park, Nairobi, @ STM 4.
4. Seacom CLS, Dar Es Salaam to ZAMREN PoP, Lusaka, @ STM 4.
5. ZAMREN PoP, Lusaka, to London with a drop in Cape Town, South Africa @ STM-4
6. Moanda CLS, DRC to Internet Solutions PoP, Bree Street, Cape Town.

This Competitive Dialogue procurement will seek to establish the shape of any contractual and commercial arrangements to support the network in terms of increases of bandwidth on extant routes as well as the establishment of new routes to newly joining NRENs in countries such as Sudan, Malawi, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Burundi and Somalia. Later stages of the overarching programme of work under Africa Connect 2 may be to look at future options for connecting into the forthcoming WACREN network in West Africa (also funded through the Pan African Programme).

The length of any resulting contracts are anticipated to be 10 years or more and term will be one of the key aspects of the competitive dialogue process, along with commercial and contractual aspects this will be discussed in the dialogue stage as well as the potential route options.

The initial route options that we wish to consider and explore with potential infrastructure providers are (please note that not all links will be purchased and evaluation will be based upon both quality and commercial criteria), as follows:

1. An STM-4 link from Kampala to Amsterdam with drops in Kigali, Dar es Salaam and Nairobi, with the Kampala-Kigali span preferably on different infrastructure from the existing link.
2. An STM-4 link from Kampala to Amsterdam with drops in Kigali and Dar es salaam with the Kampala-Kigali span preferably on different infrastructure from the existing link.
3. An STM-4 link from Kigali to Amsterdam with a drop in Dar es salaam and Nairobi

PQQ documentation, draft requirements and guidance documents are available on the Alliance's procurement pages at www.ubuntunet.net/procurement. Please download the PQQ and submit it to procurement@ubuntunet.net by the first week in July as indicated in this contract notice. Clarification questions may also be sent to the procurement@ubuntunet.net email address

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV) :

	Main vocabulary	Supplementary vocabulary (if applicable)
Main object	64210000	

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)*

A single end to end circuit between Kigali and Amsterdam with various drops as indicated, or individual segments that will comprise a path between the two endpoints

(if applicable, give figures only)

Estimated value excluding VAT : Currency :

or

Range: between : 500000.00 : and : 2500000.00 : 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 : 1 and: 3

(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 : 120 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)*

None

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: *(if applicable)*

Where bids are submitted by a consortium or association, the members of it would be required either to nominate a lead organisation with whom the contracting authority can contract with; or form themselves into a single legal entity; or to accept joint several liability.

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:

III.2.2) Economic and financial ability:

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

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 directive 2014/24/EC applies to their organisation

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

Organisations 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 capacity:

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

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: *(if applicable)*

Organisations 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: *(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:

IV.1.1) Type of procedure:

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: and (if applicable) maximum number

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

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.	
4.		9.	

Criteria	Weighting	Criteria	Weighting
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)

[UA_AC_Connectivity_4](#)

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: of: (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: [01/07/2015](#) 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: [02/07/2015](#) Time: [17:00](#)

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):

[Pan African Agreement - Africa Connect 2](#)

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

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)*

[UbuntuNet Alliance 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.](#)

VI.4.3) Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained:

Official name:

Postal address:

Town:

Postal code:

Country:

Telephone:

E-mail:

Fax:

Internet address: (*URL*)

VI.5) Date of dispatch of this notice:

[30/05/2015](#) (*dd/mm/yyyy*) - ID:2015-071898

Annex A
Additional addresses and contact points

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

Official name: [The Ubuntunet Alliance](#) National ID: *(if known)*
Postal address: [Paul Kagame Road, Lilongwe](#)
Town: [Lilongwe](#) Postal code: Country: [Malawi \(MW\)](#)
Contact point(s): Telephone:
For the attention of:
E-mail: Fax:
Internet address: (URL) <http://www.ubuntunet.net/procurement>

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 [MoRENet Ministry of Science and technology of Mozambique, 770 Patrice Lumumba Avenue Maputo MOZAMBIQUE X-Net Ministry of Education Government Office Park, Luther Street Windhoek NAMIBIA RwEdNet Kigali Institute of Science, Technology and Management Kigali RWANDA SomaliREN Industrial Road, Simad University Main Campus Mogadishu SOMALIA SUIN Information Technology and Networks Administration \(ITNA\) University of Khartoum Khartoum SUDAN TERNET P.O. Box 95062, Kawawa Roa Dar es Salaam TANZANIA RENU DICTS Network Operations Centre, Faculty of Computing and Information Technology, Block A, Makerere University, P.O. Box](#) National ID (if known):

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Road 7800 Wynberg SOUTH AFRICA IRENALA
Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific
Research — Fiadanana 101 Antananarivo
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No 44, Gombe Kinshasa DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC
OF THE CONGO EthERNet c/o ICT Center
of Excellence, Ground Floor of International
Leadership Institute Building, Madagascar Street
Addis Ababa ETHIOPIA KENET P.O. Box 30244
00100 Nairobi KENYA Burundi Education and
Research Network (BERNET) C/o Secretariat
Executif des Technologies de l'Information et de
la Communication (SETIC) BP. 3385 Bujumbura
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Lilongwe MALAWI MAREN University of Malawi
Central Office, Box 278, Zomba Blantyre MALAWI
untuNet Alliance P.O. Box 2550 Lilongwe MALAWI

Postal address:

Town

Lilongwe

Postal code

Country

Malawi (MW)

----- (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

Category No [1]	Subject
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
Category No [7]	Subject
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.