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| 7 | We would like to understand how you’re going to assess the ability of the hardware provider to make your data visible via one system. Typically, the provider will be using software from multiple sources/manufacturers which although may have their own platform for viewing data, inevitably a project that it is utilizing hardware from multiple manufacturers will likely have no way of being able to bring this data together in a single system. What is the hardware provider/installer going to do to solve this problem – do they have a data visualization partner, such as ourselves, who can solve this for them and for you? | We of course do not know in advance of the procurement what capabilities each supplier has. WSCC’s requirements regarding viewing the data, will be decided in consultation with the colleges and growers and set out within the specification of requirements attached to the Invitation to Tender (when issued).  |
| 8 | In terms of your stakeholders and other who you may like to share information with, what provisions are the hardware providers able to make? We can offer read only dashboards that allow this and we’re ISO27001 certified. | See answer above. |
| 9 | If the chosen hardware supplier does not have a partner in place (or the ability to provide a single place to view data), who will be responsible for bringing a partner such as ourselves onboard – WSCC or the provider? If it’s WSCC will a similar process to this take place? | There is an expectation that once the appointed supplier is in place, the supplier will work collaboratively with WSCC, the colleges and growers, to better collect and manage data. This may involve procuring further software or devices to be used in relation to the wireless network. The method of procurement of such items will be dependent on the value. Procurement may be undertaken by WSCC or by the appointed supplier on behalf of WSCC or by the colleges and growers. |
| 10 | What is the timeframe for bringing a partner onboard? | We propose to advertise the project and to issue procurement documentation in mid to late January 2024 and to complete the procurement in the first half of 2024. |
| 11 | Will you be hosting a ‘meet the provider’ session so the hardware provider can be introduced to people who can fill the gaps that they are unable to fill themselves. | There are no plans to host a “meet the provider” session. We will consider how best to share contact details we have collected via the PIN where we have provider permission to share. |
| 12 | *“Brinsbury college is set in 570 acres of countryside and woodland, with a working farm, lakes and stables. The campus, near Pulborough, is the base for all land-based courses and is home to a working farm, animal care centre, forge and stables, as well as large areas of woodland.*”**Will the wireless network be deployed to cover the entire 570 acres of Brinsbury college or only the campus near Pulborough. If only the campus near Pulborough needs to be covered, what would that extent in acres ?**“ *Plumpton College is a Further and Higher education college in Plumpton, East Sussex, with courses in a variety of land based and related subjects. The college provides a range of full-time and part-time land-based courses, FE courses to Foundation Degree and BSc courses. Now farming around 2,500 acres the estate has grown to become one of the leading centres for land-based education in the UK. One of the most recent additions has been a superb commercial winery*.”**Will the wireless network be deployed to cover entire 2500 acre of Plumpton College ?**” *Two commercial grower sites, known here as Grower site 1 and Grower site 2* “**What is the extent in acres of Grower Site 1 and Grower Site 2 to be covered with wireless network ? It is mentioned in the diagrams with 1500m boundary. Can you please clarify if 1500m is the radius of the circular boundary that should have the wireless network coverage ?****What are the main crops grown in Grower Site 1 and Grover Site 2.****Can you please explain the geographics landscape of the 3 sites. Is this flat land or hilly terrain ?** | The Invitation to Tender pack will include details of the Use Cases for the colleges and growers, each use case has details of the coverage needed in specified locations. It is expected that this information will inform the design of the network. The edible plants grown by each grower are tomatoes and strawberries. Both edible plants are grown in large scale glasshouses. The strawberries are grown using a hydroponic vertical farming system. Both land-based colleges have a mix of hilly and flat terrain. The growers tend to be located on flat terrain.The supplier will be responsible for engaging with the growers and colleges in organising a site survey to identify coverage issues and to determine possible options for deployment of infrastructure.Appendix 2, showing a map of the growers and nearby businesses.  The 1500m radius is not intended to reflect the coverage requirements of the growers, this will be specified in detail within the detailed requirements.  It was instead intended to demonstrate other opportunities in the area, e.g. other businesses and premises nearby.  We would ask suppliers to consider options the infrastructure could potentially provide, to increase the network coverage to include other growers and business within the area.  |
| 13 | *“To support a rapid and iterative deployment, the Council has considered the use of temporary structures where needed, for instance the use of temporary masts. This would allow flexibility in the design too. There would be a requirement to in parallel replace any temporary with permanent infrastructure in parallel and before the 18-month funding window completes. Thought would need to be given to any planning considerations this would entail.”***Will building the temporary masts and replacing them with permanent infrastructure part of the scope of the supplier or Council will take care of this based on Supplier’s design ?** | The ability of the supplier to deliver the solution within the DSIT funding timescales of Mar 2025 will be part of the specification of requirements for this project. Suppliers will need to describe how they can achieve this, which may entail the use of temporary masts and the replacement with permanent infrastructure. |
| 14 | *“As an outcome of the supplier itself will develop and refine a commercial model that is repeatable within the growing sectors in other areas of the UK.**Through these use cases and commercial models, the programme aims to ensure that its benefits can be replicated in similar applications nationwide. It is exploring how these other areas could be included in the procurement process. A gainshare model could be a valuable mechanism through which GS5GIR and the supplier could jointly drive growth and benefits by reinvesting the additional value of services take-up.”***Any revenue sharing model is envisaged for developing additional use cases beyond the initial set/funding** ? | It is envisaged that a gainshare model will be used to develop additional use cases and / or deployment in additional locations. |