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Date: 11 February 2021

Our Ref: RFI3288

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By Email Only

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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: Request for Information – RFI3288

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).
You requested the following information:

Please can you send information on the organisation's Local Area Network (LAN) contract, which may include the following:

- *Support and Maintenance- e.g. switches, router, software etc*
- *Managed- If this includes services than just LAN.*
 1. *Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance*
 2. *Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?*
 3. *Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier please split the annual average spend for each supplier.*
 4. *Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.*
 5. *Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each contract.*
 6. *Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?*
 7. *Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.*
 8. *Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.*
 9. *Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?*
 10. *Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?*
 11. *Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?*

If the LAN maintenance is included in-house please include the following information:

1. *Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?*
2. *Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.*
3. *Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.*
4. *Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?*

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If the contract is managed by a 3rd party e.g. Can you please provide me with

1. *Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?*
2. *Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.*
3. *Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.*
4. *Contract Type: Managed, Maintenance, Installation, Software*
5. *Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?*
6. *Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.*
7. *Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.*
8. *Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?*
9. *Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?*
10. *Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for each of these contract(s) please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?*

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your points in turn.

- ***Support and Maintenance- e.g. switches, router, software etc***
- ***Managed- If this includes services than just LAN.***
 1. ***Contract Type: Managed or Maintenance***
Maintenance
 2. ***Existing Supplier: Who is the current supplier?***
Cisco and European Electronique
 3. ***Annual Spend for each supplier: What is the annual average spending on the supplier above? If there is more than one supplier please split the annual average spend for each supplier.***
Cisco - £24,000 and European Electronique - £5,434.14
 4. ***Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.***
1,500
 5. ***Number of Sites: The number of sites, where equipment is supported by each contract.***
Thirteen
 6. ***Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?***
Cisco
 7. ***Contract Description: Please provide me with a brief description of the overall contract.***
Standard Maintenance contract



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8. Contract Duration: What is the duration of the contract is and can you please also include any extensions this may include.

The duration for both contracts is 12 months

9. Contract Expiry Date: When does the contract expire?

Cisco 28/01/2022 and European Electronique – 06/02/2022

10. Contract Review Date: When will the organisation be planning to review the contract?

The review date for both contracts is January 2022

11. Responsible Officer: Contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on Section 40 (2) of the FOIA to withhold the information from disclosure.

Section 40 – Personal information

We are withholding information on the grounds that it constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages section 40(2) of the FOIA.

To disclose personal data, such as names, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exemption is engaged.

The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link;

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/40>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we are able to advise that any enquiries regarding this function can be directed to our general enquiries team (enquiries@homesengland.gov.uk or 0300 1234 500) for the attention of the Digital Technology team.

If the LAN maintenance is included in-house please include the following information:

1. Hardware Brand: What is the hardware brand of the LAN equipment?

Cisco

2. Number of Users: Please can you provide me with the number of users this contract covers. Approximate number of users will also be acceptable.

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3. Number of Sites: Estimated/Actual number of sites the LAN covers.

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4. *Responsible Officer: Who within the organisation is responsible for LAN please provide me with contact details including name, job title, contact number and email address?*

We are able to inform you that we do hold the information that you have requested. However, we rely on Section 40 (2) of the FOIA to withhold the information from disclosure.

Please see our answer to question 11 above.

If the contract is managed by a 3rd party e.g. Can you please provide me with...

The questions in this part of your request are not applicable because the LAN maintenance is not managed by a third party but in-house as above.

Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

The Information Governance Team
Homes England – 6th Floor
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Or by email to infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team
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