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Summary – This tender seeks proposals to switch the network infrastructure which has or will soon be nearing end of life support.

Overview

The Grade I listed Piece Hall, Halifax is an architectural and cultural phenomenon which is absolutely unique. It is the sole survivor of the great eighteenth century northern cloth halls, a class of buildings which embodied the vital and dominant importance of the trade in hand woven textiles to the pre-industrial economy of the West Riding of Yorkshire, from the Middle Ages through to the early nineteenth century.

Dating from 1779, when it was built as a Cloth Hall for the trading of ‘pieces’ of cloth (a 30 yard length of woven woollen fabric produced on a handloom), The Piece Hall was the most ambitious and prestigious of its type and now stands in splendid isolation as the only remaining example. It is one of Britain’s most outstanding Georgian buildings.

From its inception, The Piece Hall was a stunning combination of commerce and culture, an icon of hard business but also a broader statement about the history, the lives and the values of its surrounding community. This fascinating mix of purpose and idealism – business, arts and people, continues to influence and drive The Piece Hall’s role today. A direct link back over almost a quarter of a millennium of history.

The Piece Hall remains a free to enter heritage site, open 7 days a week for entertainment, culture, heritage, business, learning and socialising.

Outputs / deliverables:

The supplier will be expected to deliver the following outputs:

- Audit of current infrastructure to ensure recommended replacements are the most suitable option.
- Discuss with IT support any recommendations / alterations that may improve the network reliability and/or capability during the installation phase.
- Communicate with employees and key stakeholders who will be affected on downtime days.
- IT support to backup data from current infrastructure, which includes wireless access points and switches.
- Downtime of area(s) effected during works – phased over closure days in January and February 2025
- Configuration of new equipment and linkage to any remaining infrastructure.
- Check all systems linked to the new infrastructure is working correctly – CCTV, Net2 Access Control, Footfall System, BMS, Lighting, Telephony and tenants.
- Infrastructure survey and snagging



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Contract Management: The project will commence in December 2024 and is expected to be completed by February 2025. The Piece Hall contract manager for this project will be Mikey Green (Operations Manager).

Award Criteria: Tender submissions will be reviewed and ranked based on experience of the supplier and location, support, cost, availability, solution and risk.

Procurement Process:

- Closing date for submission of proposals 16th November 2024
- Clarification meetings to be held between 25th & 29th November 2024
- Notification of Procurement decision December 2024
- All proposals should be sent by e-mail to operations@thepiecehall.co.uk in PDF format