



United Kingdom Education and Research Networking Association

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Procurement for UKLight Dark Fibre

Clarification Note 1

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Question:

Can you please clarify which grade of G652 fibre is required i.e. a, b, c or d?

Also can you please clarify what data rates you plan to put over this fibre?

Answer:

UKERNA's preference is for fibre conforming to G.652.D attributes, and we would wish to be able to use the fibres at 40Gb/s and above.

However, we wish to build the network described in the UKLight Dark Fibre operational requirement within the budget, so if the preferred fibre type is not available, then we would wish to use the most capable fibre that is available.

If the preferred fibre type is not available, then suppliers may provide costs for lots implemented with other fibre types.

Suppliers may offer more than one solution for each lot if there are significant differences in cost between lots implemented with different fibre-types.