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## **Marine Consultancy Framework**

NATIONAL GRID UK LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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LONDON

CT13 9NL

#### **Contact**

National Grid

#### **Email**

[box.GP.UKBuyerNGV@nationalgrid.com](mailto:box.GP.UKBuyerNGV@nationalgrid.com)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKI32 - Westminster

**Companies House**

04508773

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/>

Buyer's address

[www.ariba.com](http://www.ariba.com)

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[www.ariba.com](http://www.ariba.com)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.ariba.com](http://www.ariba.com)

**I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Marine Consultancy Framework

Reference number

WS4309414434

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73112000 - Marine research services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

National Grid is an international Electricity and Gas Network Company based in the UK with operations in north-eastern US, and one of the largest investor-owned energy companies in the world.

National Grid are looking to set up a multi-year Marine Consultancy Framework to service offshore cable laying as part of the Great Grid Upgrade.

The Framework will cover the full gamut of consultancy disciplines required to support end to end marine projects. Including Subsea Cable Technical Consultancy, Unexploded Ordinance (UXO ALARP), Metocean, Marine Survey Support and HVDC/HVAC Platform Engineering Services.

The Framework will be developed in line with National Grid processes, other best practice guidance i.e. DNVGL-RP-0360 and European Subsea Cables Association guidelines.

To register your interest in this Procurement event and to obtain the pre-qualification documentation applicants are to email [box.GP.UKBuyerNGV@nationalgrid.com](mailto:box.GP.UKBuyerNGV@nationalgrid.com) using the wording 'Registering Interest for Marine Consultancy Framework' (if you have them) your Ariba AN number (Network ID), name, email address and contact phone number for all contacts within your organisation who will need to receive Ariba messages and administer your online submissions. Following receipt of this information National Grid will invite you to

the Ariba event where all the pre-qualification documentation is contained including further instructions.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £45,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Offshore Consultancy Support

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73112000 - Marine research services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- BE - Belgium
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#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Marine Technical Consultant (MTC) will support the marine route selection work being undertaken by the separately appointed Marine Environmental Consultant. As part of this, the MTC shall provide technical input to the marine routeing and landfall options selection.

Fisheries Liaison Office (FLO) shall perform a desktop fisheries activity analysis, for input into the selection of the marine cable route corridor by other consultants. In addition, the FLO shall draft a Fisheries Engagement Strategy to inform project consultations and future works at site.

Onsite Client Reps (OCRs) may be required to deploy as representatives of NG and partner organisations during operations throughout the project life cycle.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £35,000,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Plus 2 years plus 1 year

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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2. Any entity that is acting as a project partner with any National Grid call off partner (identified in paragraph 1 above) and which calls off jointly with any such National Grid entity including, without limitation,:

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3. Any special purpose vehicle, incorporated joint venture or contractual joint venture, between any of the parties identified in paragraphs 1 and 2 above.

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Survey Support

Lot No

2

## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73112000 - Marine research services

## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
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## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Conduct a comprehensive review of all applicable regulatory requirements for the vessels planned scopes of operation. These should include but not be limited to International, national and local regulations as applicable to the contract. The review should identify all specific regulations relevant to the vessels planned operations and ensure compliance throughout the duration on task.

To ensure data meets the required specification National Grid require data across the following marine survey equipment types to be checked for quality and compliance:

Bathymetry

Seabed classification (from backscatter, side-scan sonar, and samples (physical and



imagery)

Topography (point cloud and imagery)

Sub surface geology (from sub-bottom profilers, core penetration tests and core samples)

Anthropomorphic object detection (from magnetometer cross referenced with bathymetry and side-scan sonar).

Assurance of data from ancillary systems may also be required:

GNSS systems

USBL systems

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Plus 2 years plus 1 year

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Marine UXO Consultant

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73112000 - Marine research services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

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#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The UXO Consultant shall provide a review of legislation and Best Practice Guidance for Marine UXO in the UK Exclusive Economic Zone. The review should highlight the standards for the planning, design, delivery, operation and maintenance, decommissioning or regulation of projects in the marine environment for UXO risk. The review should focus on abandoned explosive ordnance (such as sea-dumped munitions or abandoned ship or aircraft wrecks), rather than chemical warfare agents.

The review shall provide a review of the known industry techniques (and their effectiveness) for lower noise alternatives to high order detonation of UXOs within the marine environment.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,500,000

## **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Plus 2 years plus 1 year

## **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

## **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

## **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Weather/Metocean

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71351600 - Weather-forecasting services
- 73112000 - Marine research services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

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### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

To better understand project timelines, risks and costs, there is a requirement to understand the environment prior to, during and after the several project stages that make up a successful marine project.

To this end the Client requires the following types of analysis / reports to inform the planning and successful completion of its marine works:

Projects weather forecasts based on climatological data for planning and contractor assessments.

Weather downtime predictions for marine works.

Tidal stream and oceanic current modelling to assist in offshore engineering design.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Plus 2 years plus 1 year

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**



Options: No

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

HVDC Platform Engineering Services

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

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#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Support the Client with Platform knowledge and expertise. A range of tasks and responsibilities aimed at ensuring that the project is executed according to the specifications, schedule, and budget. This work will include but not limited to Platform related tasks:

- Technical advisor, subject matter expert for all things 'Platform'.
- Creating, developing, and reviewing Platform technical documentation.
- Performing quality assurance and quality control on all designs, drawings and relevant materials that are produced by others relating to the Platform.
- Providing and managing all necessary markups, feedback, comments, and edits.
- Maintaining and tracking Platform submissions, drawings, applications, etc.
- Design review and management.
- Procurement support.
- Project management support.
- Programme management support.

- Offshore Platform Health, Safety, and Environmental Compliance.

The Technical Consultant (TC) will support the platform feasibility and concept evaluation work to help ensure that the HND solutions are technically viable, and economically and environmentally sustainable.

The results of this SoW will be critical in the decision making for the project. The works will be used in communications with decision makers, management, investors, Ofgem and various stakeholders.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £4,500,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

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Yes

Description of renewals

Plus 2 years plus 1 year

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

No specific legal form is required in order to participate in the procurement stage. However, National Grid reserves the right to require successfully appointed suppliers to take a specific legal form and/or accept joint and several liability if constituted as a group of economic operators.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Call-off contracts may require a requirement for partnership working.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### **IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

13 February 2024

Local time

11:00am

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Interested parties should note that National Grid is using the Ariba portal, details in Section I.3 and 11.1.4. of this notice.

All documentation will be made available through this portal.

All communications by interested parties must be made to the contacts in Section 11.1.4 . Once interested parties have been invited to the Ariba Event, National Grid will then only communicate through the portal.

Communications sent by alternative means and/or to any other person will be ignored.

Please note that a "request to participate" for the purposes of section IV.2.2 of this notice is by completion and return of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ), which is available through the Ariba portal, by the stated deadline.

Interested parties should note that National Grid reserves the right to cancel or vary this procurement process at any stage. National Grid may also change the basis, procedures and/or timescales set out or referred to within the procurement documents. National Grid will not be liable for any costs or expenses whatsoever incurred by interested parties in participating in this procurement process.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom