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Award

512_25 Utility Metering and Data Services

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

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Notice identifier: 2026/S 000-002761

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050458 ([view related notices](#))

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Scope

Reference

512_25

Description

The procurement has been undertaken as per UK4 Tender notice identifier: 2025/S 000-066819; Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-050458.

A framework agreement covering Half Hourly Electricity Meter Operator Services, data collection and data aggregation services.

The framework has been tailored to help customers achieve compliance with the requirements of the upcoming Market-wide Half-Hourly Settlement (MHHS) and is anticipated to be a multi-supplier framework.

Tenderers were required to confirm and evidence their compliance with key industry standards and memberships as a condition for their tender to be evaluated.

Tenderers were required to install meters and offer data collection/data aggregation

(DC/DA) services throughout England. While not mandatory, it is preferable for suppliers to also offer coverage in Scotland and Wales.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract 1. 512_25 Utility Metering and Data Services

Suppliers (3)

- NPOWER COMMERCIAL GAS LIMITED
- SMS ENERGY SERVICES LIMITED
- STARK SOFTWARE INTERNATIONAL LTD.

Contract value

- £20,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

13 January 2026

Standstill period

- End: 22 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

23 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2028
- Possible extension to 31 January 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The framework agreement has the option to extend for up to a further 24 months (under normal circumstances this will be completed in full, or potentially in 12-month periods, and is subject to the performance of the framework).

The total estimated value captured in this notice includes the option to extend the framework as noted above.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 38551000 - Energy meters
- 38554000 - Electricity meters
- 65300000 - Electricity distribution and related services
- 71314000 - Energy and related services

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales
- UKM - Scotland

Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received

- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 0 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 3 suppliers awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Suppliers

NPOWER COMMERCIAL GAS LIMITED

- Companies House: 03768856
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNPM-1457-MYHW

Westwood Way, Westwood Business Park

Coventry

CV4 8LG

United Kingdom

Email: bidmanagement@npower.com

Website: <http://www.npowerbusinesssolutions.com>

Region: UKG33 - Coventry

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

Please refer to all details captured on Companies House (under 'People') - includes Active Directors (2 under 'Officers') as well as Persons with significant control listed (Npower Limited).

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SMS ENERGY SERVICES LIMITED

- Companies House: 03197379
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDBL-6497-TDTN

Prennau House Copse Walk, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Pontprennau

Cardiff

CF23 8XH

United Kingdom

Email: commerciales@sms-plc.com

Website: <http://www.sms-plc.com>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

Please refer to all details captured on Companies House (under 'People') - includes Active Directors (2 under 'Officers') as well as Persons with significant control listed (Smart Metering Systems Limited).

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STARK SOFTWARE INTERNATIONAL LTD.

- Companies House: 02911704
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYWW-4126-ZWVP

Sentinel House, 10-12 Massetts Road

Horley

RH6 7DE

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@stark.co.uk

Website: <https://www.stark.co.uk>

Region: UKJ26 - East Surrey

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Connected people/organisations:

Please refer to all details captured on Companies House (under 'People') - includes Active Directors (2 under 'Officers') as well as Persons with significant control listed (Stark Software International (Holdings) Limited).

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Contracting authority

Leicestershire County Council, trading as ESPO

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYDD-1122-TCVN

Barnsdale Way, Grove Park, Enderby

Leicester

LE19 1ES

United Kingdom

Contact name: Energy Procurement Team

Email: tenders@espo.org

Website: <https://www.espo.org/>

Region: UKF22 - Leicestershire CC and Rutland

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government