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Contract

CA296 (2024) - Data & Architecture Specialist Resource Augmentation

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-044467

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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BT9 5HT

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CA296 (2024) - Data & Architecture Specialist Resource Augmentation

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72222300 - Information technology services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NIE Networks wanted to establish framework panels of suitably qualified and experienced service providers who could provide resources for the following areas:

Lot 1 - Data Specialists - Provision of data development resources to assist the inhouse Data Team in the analysis and reporting of business data.

Lot 2 - Architecture Specialists - Provision of technical architect resources to assist the inhouse IT Team in the delivery of the RP7 programme of work.

The resulting framework panels will be for provision of professional service provision.

In order to meet all of the business needs, NIE Networks wanted to appoint suitably qualified and experienced Data & Architecture Specialists (under separate Framework Panels for each Lot, with the individual successful bidders), to provide the services by working closely with

the IT Team.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £13,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Data Specialists

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72212482 - Business intelligence software development services
- 72212600 - Database and operating software development services
- 72212610 - Database software development services
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services
- 72243000 - Programming services
- 72244000 - Prototyping services
- 72262000 - Software development services
- 72263000 - Software implementation services
- 72300000 - Data services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has established a panel of six organisations and appointed each on to framework agreements for this Lot 1, in accordance with the ITT documentation.

It was envisaged to acquire experienced data specialists who can provide support and development services across the current data landscape and possible new data technology areas which may be implemented during the period of the framework agreement.

The framework for this lot has been awarded for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend (entirely at the discretion of NIE Networks) for up to a further 2 periods of up to 2 years each. That is a possible 7 years in total (3 years, with optional 2 x 2-year extensions).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional extension period of further 2 periods of up to 2 years each.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 – Architecture Specialists

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72100000 - Hardware consultancy services
- 72110000 - Hardware selection consultancy services
- 72120000 - Hardware disaster-recovery consultancy services
- 72130000 - Computer-site planning consultancy services
- 72140000 - Computer hardware acceptance testing consultancy services
- 72150000 - Computer audit consultancy and hardware consultancy services
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72212732 - Data security software development services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services
- 72222100 - Information systems or technology strategic review services
- 72222200 - Information systems or technology planning services
- 72223000 - Information technology requirements review services
- 72224100 - System implementation planning services
- 72227000 - Software integration consultancy services
- 72228000 - Hardware integration consultancy services
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services
- 72243000 - Programming services
- 72244000 - Prototyping services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 72262000 - Software development services

- 72263000 - Software implementation services
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has placed a panel of five organisations and appointed each on to framework agreements for this Lot 2, in accordance with the ITT documentation.

It was envisaged to acquire experienced architects who can provide services across the current landscape and possible new technology areas which may be implemented during the period of the framework agreement.

The framework for this lot is awarded for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend (entirely at the discretion of NIE Networks) for up to a further 2 periods of up to 2 years each. That is a possible 7 years in total (3 years, with optional 2 x 2-year extensions).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Optional extension period of a further 2 periods of up to 2 years each.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA296 (2025)

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Data Specialist Resource Augmentation Framework

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Accenture Limited

Dublin

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE0 - Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CGI IT UK Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young LLP

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KPMG Ireland

Dublin

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

OCC Computer Personnel (Northern) Ltd

Cheshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Version 1 Software Limited

Dublin

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA296 (2025)

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Architecture Specialist Resource Augmentation Framework

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

17 January 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Accenture Limited

Dublin

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CGI IT UK Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young LLP

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KPMG Ireland

Dublin

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Version 1 Software Limited

Dublin

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £7,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

120 Malone Road

Belfast

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

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Country

United Kingdom