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Contract

SONI030

SONI Ltd

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03f638

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43172

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SONI030

Reference number

Demerger Consultants (SONI Led)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Following a lengthy consultation period, the Utility Regulator in Northern Ireland issued a decision in August 2022 regarding SONI Governance matters. This decision became

effective within the SONI TSO Licence from 26 October 2022.

The Licence Modification requires significant changes to the SONI Ltd Board composition and the relationship between EirGrid plc (as parent) and SONI Ltd (its subsidiary). They also require that the SONI TSO business be managerially and operationally separate from EirGrid and any other company within the EirGrid Group with separate premises, IT and other systems, equipment, facilities, processes and staff.

The Utility Regulator's Licence Modification requirements for independence at Board, Management and Operational levels in the SONI business equates to a de-facto requirement to demerge the EirGrid and SONI businesses.

As a result, SONI is now seeking to appoint a consultancy business to design, manage and implement this demerger programme.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

Main site or place of performance

Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Framework Agreement period will be for an initial duration of two years with the option to extend annually for up to an additional three years, subject always to the satisfactory performance of the supplier.

The demerger project will be run over two phases:

- (i) the initial scope, design and cost of the demerger project
- (ii) the implementation of the demerger project.

SONI offers a hybrid working model. Candidates resources would be expected to attend SONI's office in Belfast for certain meetings and workshops as and when required.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Project Team / Weighting: 35%

Quality criterion - Name: Approach and Methodology / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management / Weighting: 10%

Price - Weighting: 30%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

As this is a framework, the need of the required services may increase or decrease over the term.

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.2.14) Additional information

The estimated value of 2 million sterling is inclusive of the entire duration

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young

Bedford House, 16 Bedford Street, Belfast, BT2 7DT

Belfast

BT2 7DT

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN06 - Belfast

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £2,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

- 1) Interested parties must register their interest on the mytenders web site (www.mytenders.co.uk) in order to be included on the mailing list for clarifications. All information relating to attachments, including clarifications and changes, will be published on the Portal (www.mytenders.co.uk) only. Registration is free of charge. The contracting authority will not accept responsibility for information relayed (or not relayed) via third parties.
- 2) This is the sole call for competition for this service.
- 3) The contracting authority will not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by candidates or tenderers.
- 4) Contract award will be subject to the approval of the competent authorities.
- 5) If for any reason it is not possible to award the contract one or more of the tenderers invited following the conclusion of this competitive process, the contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract to the next ranked tenderer as appropriate.
- 6) At its absolute discretion, the contracting authority may elect to terminate this procurement process or any contract awarded.
- 7) Please note in relation to all documents, that where reference is made to a particular standard, make, source, process, trademark, type or patent, that this is not to be regarded as a de facto requirement. In all such cases it should be understood that such indications are to be treated strictly and solely for reference purposes only, to which the words 'or equivalent' will

always be appended.
- 8) Without prejudice to the principle of equal treatment, the contracting authority is not obliged to engage in a clarification process in respect of questionnaires with missing or incomplete information. Therefore, candidates are advised to ensure that they return fully completed questionnaires in order to avoid the risk of elimination from the competition.

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<https://www.mytenders.co.uk>

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facility. A user guide is available at
https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems

This process is now concluded and a contract has been awarded.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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