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Opportunity

Resource Services Support Framework Agreement

ENERGIA GROUP NI HOLDINGS LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

ENERGIA GROUP NI HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Belfast

BT95NF

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.energiagroup.com>

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<https://procurement.energiagroup.com>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procurement.energiagroup.com>

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Resource Services Support Framework Agreement

Reference number

EG20001

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72212517 - IT software development services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To appoint a number of contractors to a framework for the provision of resource services to Energia Group and its subsidiary businesses. Applicants will be assessed in accordance with the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016, as amended on the basis of information provided in response to pre-qualification questionnaire ("PQQ") in line with those instructions and selection criteria outlined in the Project Information Memorandum (PIM). Copies of the PIM and PQQ are available on request by email to procurement@energiagroup.com. Completed PQQs must be returned to Energia electronically at the address in section 1 before the specified deadline.

Energia Group NI Holdings Limited is the procuring entity for itself and on behalf of Energia Corporate and IT, Power NI and Energia Retail, their affiliated subsidiaries and trading entities (Participating Organisations) that are wholly owned by Energia Group NI Holdings Limited and Energia Power and Energy Holdings DAC.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

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

Mobile and Web Application Development

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72212517 - IT software development services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 shall be used to obtain front-end applications (web and mobile system development (IOS and Android platforms)) services, along with any midtier applications if required. Lot 1 shall include services for the full end to end delivery of an application or for the provision of skilled personnel to support Energia Group with the delivery of an application. Energia Group anticipates the following of areas for front end mobile and web application development:

- MS.NET, HTML5, CSS3, C#, Razor, Blazer Web Assembly, SQL, HTML5, React Native;
- Continuous Integration and Continuous Delivery using Azure DevOps or Jenkins CI;
- Web apps hosted on Azure PaaS cloud infrastructure;
- Azure API development.

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: £3,400,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 periods of 12 months each

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

SOFTWARE TESTING AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72610000 - Computer support services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 shall be used to obtain software testing and quality assurance services.

Lot 2 shall include services for a 'testing as service' model or for the provision of skilled personnel to support Energia Group with the testing of applications.

Lot 2 Testing as Service

The testing as a service model shall include the outsourcing of one or more of the following non-exhaustive elements:

- test design - the preparation of test strategies, test plan and test cases;
- test management - the managing, reporting and scheduling of technical resources for test execution, managing test risk and managing quality assurance;
- test data preparation - the preparation test data for test execution;

- test execution - execution of user acceptance testing, regression, functional or performance testing; and
- test automation - the development and support of code to automate functional or non-functional performance testing.

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: £4,600,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 periods of 12 months each

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

CLOUD NATIVE AND BACKEND ENGINEERING APPLICATIONS DEVELOPMENT

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72212517 - IT software development services
- 72590000 - Computer-related professional services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 shall be used to obtain development services for cloud native and backend engineering applications. Lot 3 shall include services for the full end to end delivery of a cloud native applications or for the provision of skilled personnel to support Energia Group with the delivery of cloud native applications.

Energia Group anticipates calling-off the following areas for cloud native applications development:

- MS.NET, C#, SQL;
- Application architecture,
- Microservice architecture;
- Event driven architecture;
- Big Data and High-Performance Computing;
- Re-architecting of existing applications to meet a new target operating models;
- Azure Cloud Platform and design and implementation services:
 - o Serverless PaaS architecture;
 - o DevSecOps;
 - o DevOps;

- o Infrastructure as Code development;.
- o Cloud platform configuration;
- o Polyglot persistence;
- o Asynchronous processing;
- o Designing for failure;
- o Iterative frequent update management;
- o Automated self-management processes;
- o Azure Integration services; and
- o API design, development and support.

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: £4,600,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 periods of 12 months each

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

PROJECT RESOURCING

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot will be used to meet any shortfall in any project personnel experienced by Energia Group and will include (but is not limited to):

- project managers;
- solution architects;
- application architects;
- technical analysts;
- QA analysts;
- QA test automation developers;

- developers;
- business analysts; or
- trainers.

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: £7,400,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 periods of 12 months each

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

Must have industry recognised qualifications and relevant experience in the development and support of IT systems as further specified in the procurement documentation.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documentation but note minimum requirements must be met.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As detailed in the procurement documentation.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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

31 March 2021

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

8 April 2021

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Energia Group NI Holdings Limited

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Energia Group NI Holdings Limited will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants which are unsuccessful shall be informed by Energia as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the Applicant was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at

risk of harm by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland). Any such action must generally be brought within 30 days. If a declaration of ineffectiveness is sought, any such action must be brought within 30 days where Energia has communicated the award of the contract and a summary of reasons to tenderers, or otherwise within 6 months of the contract being entered into. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order Energia to amend any documents and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order Energia to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract/s be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.