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Tender

Datacentre Co-Location

SONI Ltd

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03a534

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.soni.ltd.uk

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.3) Communication

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

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Datacentre Co-Location

Reference number

SONI024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72500000 - Computer-related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The purpose of this procurement process is to put in place a framework that will support the identification of a suitable provider of datacentre floor space in a co-location facility to replace existing SONI datacentre location(s).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £5,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72514100 - Facilities management services involving computer operation

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

SONI is commencing a procurement process for the provision of datacentre floor space in a co-location facility and related services.

The purpose of this procurement process is to put in place a framework that will support the identification of a suitable provider of datacentre floor space in a co-location facility to replace existing SONI datacentre location(s).

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: £5,000,000

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

Pursuant to Article 50.F as set out in Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (the "Regulations") SONI may extend the Services Agreement with the successful tenderer for up to a maximum of 20 years on an annual basis

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The initial contract period envisaged is 5 years with the possibility to extend annually up to 20 years, subject always to the satisfactory performance of the supplier. The estimated spend of 5,000,000 GBP is taking into account the full duration of the contract including the possible extensions.

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 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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

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

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.4) 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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

15 March 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

17 April 2023

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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the myTenders Web Site at

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=228690.

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox 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.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/public-procurement-review-service-scope-and-remit>