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## **II.2.2) SNIP Agent Service for the Premier Transmission Pipeline System (PTPS)**

Mutual Energy Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Country**

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#### **NUTS code**

UKN06 - Belfast

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://in-tendhost.co.uk/mutual-energy/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<http://in-tendhost.co.uk/mutual-energy/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://in-tendhost.co.uk/mutual-energy/>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

II.2.2) SNIP Agent Service for the Premier Transmission Pipeline System (PTPS)

Reference number

2019-MEL-00000008

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 76100000 - Professional services for the gas industry

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Mutual Energy Limited (MEL) is seeking tenders for the provision of an operational service to manage its gas transmission network in Scotland and Northern Ireland. The Scotland to Northern Ireland Pipeline (SNIP) Agent service provider will act on behalf of MEL to operate the MEL pipeline network in Northern Ireland (PTPS), to standards and procedures as approved by MEL. The service must be provided for a period of 10 years commencing on or around 1st October 2022. A Mobilisation Period (for transition services) of up to 9 months will be required in advance, to facilitate service commencement. The anticipated Contract Value is approximately £9,000,000.00 (nine million pounds) across the 10 years SNIP Agent service period. The commercial offer at ITN will consist of both fixed and variable pricing elements, including up to 9 months Mobilisation Period. Further details will be provided in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and / or the Invitation to Negotiate documents.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £9,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 76100000 - Professional services for the gas industry
- 44161000 - Pipelines
- 44161100 - Gas pipelines
- 65200000 - Gas distribution and related services
- 44161110 - Gas-distribution network
- 65210000 - Gas distribution
- 76600000 - Pipeline-inspection services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Successful Supplier's base of operations

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The SNIP service provider will operate the MEL gas transmission network of up to 22 monitored remote sites on a 24x7 basis to standards and procedures determined by MEL. The service provider will be responsible for the control room operation, the SCADA service and the telemetry service along with supporting services. The SNIP Agent Service has several components which can be classified into three areas:- Operational Service (OS)- Technical Service (TS)- Management Service (MS) The SNIP Agent service must be fully operational for 24 (23 or 25 on clock change days) hours per day, 7 days per week, 365 (366 in a leap year) days per year. The service must be provided for a period of 10 years commencing on or around 1st October 2022. In addition, the service provider will need to allow for up to 9 months Mobilisation Period to provide a transition service to ensure that the entire SNIP Agent services are fully developed, tested and in place on or around 1st October 2022. Further details will be provided in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and / or the Invitation to Tender documents. See Section VI.3 of this Contract Notice for more details about the procurement process.

**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: £9,000,000

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 4

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and / or Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documents.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and / or Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documents.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **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

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ). Mutual Energy Limited reserve the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ).

#### **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

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ). Mutual Energy Limited reserve the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ).

#### **III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required**

Guarantees and Bonds are required and will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and / or Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documents. Mutual Energy Limited reserve the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and / or the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documents.

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

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and / or Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documents. Mutual Energy Limited reserve the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and / or the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documents.

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

Mutual Energy Limited reserves the right to require bidders in a consortium to take a particular legal form or require a single contractor take primary liability or to require each party in a consortium to take joint and several liability. All members of a joint venture or consortium group (a) must complete PQQ Stage 1 Minimum Eligibility/Completeness Compliance, (b) not breach the exclusion grounds specified in the PQQ document and (c) meet all the minimum requirements as specified in the PQQ document with the exception of Stage 2 Minimum Technical and/or Professional Ability where one member of the consortium group must be designated as the lead member and complete the Stage 2 questions. Applicants must provide full details of the proposed consortium arrangements (including the legal form) and proposed contracting structures including key subcontractors. Details of the conditions applied to joint ventures and consortium groups are stated in the PQQ.

## **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and / or Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documents. Mutual Energy Limited reserve the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the Pre- Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and / or the Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) documents.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.8) 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

26 May 2021

Local time

3:00pm

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

14 June 2021

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Applicants wishing to participate should submit their company name, main contact name and main contact email address to Mutual Commercial Manager Cover at email address: [tenders@mutual-energy.com](mailto:tenders@mutual-energy.com) Applicants will then receive Instructions to register on the In



Tend portal where an 'Expression of Interest' (EOI) can be submitted. The PQQ and subsequent ITN processes will be run using the In Tend portal. After the expressions of interest have been submitted, the PQQ document will then be made available to candidates including the submission instructions no later than 26th April 2021 or as otherwise specified by Mutual Energy Limited. Candidates must submit their respective PQQ submission in accordance with the PQQ instructions no later than 30 days after the issue of the PQQ documents. Following, the evaluation of the PQQ submissions in accordance with the PQQ instructions up to four (4) candidates will be shortlisted with the selection criteria specified in the PQQ documentation, to proceed to the ITN phase. The ITN phase is expected to be conducted in one single stage. Mutual Energy Limited reserves the right to hold further ITN stages including a 'BAFO' round. At the end of the ITN one (1) tenderer will be appointed as the Preferred Bidder in accordance with the award criteria specified in the ITN documents. The award criteria specified in the ITN documents will be on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender determined by Mutual Energy Limited. Mutual Energy Limited reserve the right to alter or amend the number of shortlisted candidates to receive the ITN, the conditions and / or the procurement process described in the PQQ and / or the ITN documents. Mutual Energy Limited will apply a 'standstill' period of a minimum of 10 days from the day following the date of notification to participating tenderers of the award of contract. The SNIP Agent procurement process including this Contract Notice shall be governed by the laws of Northern Ireland and shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Northern Ireland.

## **VI.4) Procedures for review**

### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom