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Tender

UVDB (Utilities Vendor Data Base) - Services

ACHILLES INFORMATION LIMITED

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Call for competition
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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

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

www.achilles.com/uvdb

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

I.6) Main activity

Other activity

UVDB mainly covers utility entities in the fields of electricity, gas and water, but also utility entities in the fields of port and airport related activities and postal services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UVDB (Utilities Vendor Data Base) - Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 51000000 - Installation services (except software)
- 60000000 - Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 63000000 - Supporting and auxiliary transport services; travel agencies services
- 64000000 - Postal and telecommunications services
- 65000000 - Public utilities
- 66000000 - Financial and insurance services
- 70000000 - Real estate services
- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 75000000 - Administration, defence and social security services
- 76000000 - Services related to the oil and gas industry

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 85000000 - Health and social work services
- 90000000 - Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 98000000 - Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Contracts awarded by subscribing utility entities will be mainly for performance within the UK, although contracts may be awarded for other locations.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Description of the procurement: the Utilities Vendor Database (UVDB) scheme is a qualification system within the meaning of Regulation 77 of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 and Regulation 75 of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016, which is operated by Achilles Information Ltd. The UVDB provides a common system for subscribing utility entities to select suppliers for invitation to participate in regulated procurement procedures. The utility entities which subscribe to the scheme are given at the following URL: https://www.achilles.com/information-for-achilles-uvdb-qualification-system-notice-qsn/

The UVDB may also be used in the compilation of tender lists below the UK thresholds. The subscribing utility entities may alternatively make separate calls for competition in FTS for certain individual requirements. The UVDB is based on a coding system for works, supplies and services against which suppliers are registered on the system. The full list of UVDB product codes is available at the following URL: https://www.achilles.com/information-for-achilles-uvdb-qualification-system-notice-qsn/

Vendors not already registered on the UVDB should apply to Achilles using the contact details at Section I.1 in order to ensure that their details are available to subscribing utility

entities. Vendors already registered on the UVDB must ensure that their registration details are up to date in order to remain visible to the utility entities subscribing to UVDB. This can be done by visiting http://my.achilles.com and logging in using their unique login details.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.8) Duration of the qualification system

Indefinite duration

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.9) Qualification for the system

Conditions to be fulfilled by economic operators in view of their qualification

UVDB registration will be the first stage of qualification. You can join via http://www.achilles.com/uvdb Having completed the registration, you will be asked to pay your annual subscription to UVDB. The current subscription rates are available at the following URL: https://www.achilles.com/features/uvdb-membership-pricing-and-features/

Your full pre-qualification questionnaire, once completed can be submitted for validation following payment of your subscription.

Methods according to which each of those conditions will be verified

Vendors of products considered to be high risk may be required by individual subscribing utility entities to undergo an independent audit covering health, safety, environment and quality systems under the Verify scheme. Further information, including the types and costs of audit are available via: https://www.achilles.com/uvdb-verify-audit/

In appropriate circumstances some utility contracting entities will apply a minimum scoring mechanism. Verify is not independent and vendors must have a subscription to UVDB. SSE plc have an additional level of risk assessment via their own systems, which links directly to UVDB. http://sse.com/potential-suppliers/

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Where relevant, such conditions will be stated in the procurement documents.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction

The subscribing utility entities reserve the right to conduct procurements under UVDB using electronic auctions

IV.2) Administrative information

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Contact details for each individual procurement will be provided by the subscribing utility entity in the specific procurement documents. Information referenced in Section III.2) of this notice will, where relevant, be provided in the specific procurement documents by the subscribing utility entity. The award criteria as referenced in Section II.2.5) may for certain procurements covered by this notice be on a price-only basis. Electronic workflows, as referenced in Section VI.2) may be employed by some or all of the subscribing utility entities.

Subscribing utility entities may reserve contracts as referenced in Section III.1.5). Details of the contact for review procedures covered by Section VI.4.1) will be provided by the subscribing utility entity. UVDB may be used by subscribing utility entities to establish dynamic purchasing systems. Where Requests for Information have begun prior to 20th February 2025, contract award should complete under the previous notice in FTS (previous notice number: 2021/S 000-000004). For all Requests for Information after 20th February 2025, this Notice is applicable.

Unable to link to the previous notice in section IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure.

Previous notice number: 2021/S 000-000004

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

See section VI.3

See section VI.3

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

For contracts subject to the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 and the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016, utilities are required to incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the proposed award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification is required to provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. Where the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016 No 274) apply, provision is made for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of duty under the regulations to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Where the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016 No 49) apply, provision is made for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of duty under the regulations to take action in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.