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Tender

## **Programme Management Office for the NI Smart Meter Programme**

Utility Regulator (UREGNI)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

ID 6065518

### **Description**

The Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (UR) has a requirement for the provision of a Supplier who will establish a Programme Management Office (PMO) to develop a detailed Programme Plan for the rollout of smart meters in Northern Ireland and provide programme management support services to UR.

The Supplier will be responsible for:

- Developing a Programme Management Approach which sets out the procedures and reporting mechanisms to be used to govern the smart meter programme.
- Developing a detailed Programme Plan which identifies all the workstreams/projects required to deliver the programme. This will be informed by engagement with relevant stakeholders.

- Provide Programme Management Support Services by conducting programme management and progress monitoring activities (i.e. the application of the Programme Management Approach). This will include communications with Expert Group members (email or video calls) required to conduct these activities are within the scope.

Suppliers should refer to the Specification Schedule for full detail on the deliverables/requirements of this contract.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £812,312.33 excluding VAT
- £974,774.80 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 17 April 2026 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2030
- 4 years, 5 months, 14 days

Description of possible extension:

The Contract will include two optional extension periods of up to one year each, depending on need. Extension of the Contract will be subject to an approved budget and UR's internal approval procedures.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 79420000 - Management-related services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 73110000 - Research services
- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

13 February 2026, 3:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

23 February 2026, 3:00pm

## **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tenders must be submitted electronically via the relevant Call for Tender (CfT) opportunity on eTendersNI, website details immediately below.

Paper submissions will not be accepted or considered and will be rejected by the Contracting Authority / Buyer.

The tender documents are available with unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: URL <https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

**Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

9 March 2026

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
AC1 Proposed team experience	Proposed Team Experience - 30 percent	Quality
AC2 Service Management and Methodology	Service Management and Methodology - 20 percent	Quality
AC3 Contingency Arrangements	Contingency Arrangements - 10 percent	Quality
AC4 Social Value	Social Value - 10 percent	Quality
AC5 Price	Price - 30 percent	Price

**Weighting description**

70 percent quality and 30 percent price

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**Other information**

## Payment terms

### Contract Value

The estimated value figure indicated in the Contract value Section represents an overall estimated contract value. This value reflects the potential scale of the contract and takes into account potential optional extension periods and the uptake of potential optional services as detailed in the tender documents. This figure does not however take into account the application of indexation or increases to charges due to increases in the Real Living Wage. Neither CPD nor the contracting Authority can provide any guarantee as to the level of business under this contract. The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender. Suppliers remain responsible for all costs and expenses incurred by them or by any third party acting under instructions from the Supplier in connection with taking part in this procurement process regardless of whether such costs arise as a consequence, directly or indirectly of any amendments made to the procurement documents by the Contracting Authority at any time. No legally binding contract shall arise (and a Supplier shall have no legitimate expectation that a contract will be entered into) until such time as entry into the Contract has been confirmed by the Contracting Authority.

## Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

## Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Contracting authority

### Utility Regulator (UREGNI)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWCB-8418-YTPD

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Website: <https://www.uregni.gov.uk/>

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

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## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVWG-8426-YWXV

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## Contact organisation

Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.