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## **M365 software licences**

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e5e2

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks

120 Malone Road,

Belfast,

BT9 5HT

#### **Email**

[stephen.oneill@nienetworks.co.uk](mailto:stephen.oneill@nienetworks.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nienetworks.co.uk>

## **I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

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

Supplies

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

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £771,000

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

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

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48700000 - Software package utilities
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

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

Options: No

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

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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

A competitive procurement exercise to source this requirement from another vendor is not possible due to the need to progress the outputs urgently, until such times as a new procurement process is in place.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- Extreme urgency brought about by events unforeseeable for the contracting entity
- Bargain purchase taking advantage of a particularly advantageous opportunity available for a very short time at a price considerably lower than market prices

Explanation:

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#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Title**

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

17 February 2025

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Bytes Software Services Ltd

Bytes House, Randalls Way, Leatherhead, Surrey KT22 7TW

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KT22 7TW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £771,000

### **V.2.5) Information about subcontracting**

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

A competitive procurement exercise to source this requirement from another vendor is not possible due to the need to progress the outputs urgently, until such times as a new procurement process is in place.

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

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

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Ltd

120 Malone Road

Belfast

BT9 5HT

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3 JY

Country

United Kingdom