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## **CA296 - Data & Architecture Specialist Resource Augmentation**

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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

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

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.nienetworks.co.uk](http://www.nienetworks.co.uk)

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

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

Electricity

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

CA296 - Data & Architecture Specialist Resource Augmentation

Reference number

CA296 (2024)

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

- 72222300 - Information technology services

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

Services

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

NIE Networks wishes to establish framework panels of suitably qualified and experienced service providers who can provide resources for the following areas:

Lot 1 - Data Specialists - Provision of data development resources to assist the inhouse Data Team in the analysis and reporting of business data.

Lot 2 - Architecture Specialists - Provision of technical architect resources to assist the inhouse IT Team in the delivery of the RP7 programme of work.

The resulting framework panels will be for provision of professional service provision.

In order to meet all of the business needs, NIE Networks wishes to appoint suitably qualified and experienced Data & Architecture Specialists (under separate Framework Panels for each Lot, with the individual successful bidders each signing up to a Framework Agreement), to provide services by working closely with the IT Team.

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

Value excluding VAT: £13,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - Data Specialists

Lot No

1

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

- 72212482 - Business intelligence software development services
- 72212600 - Database and operating software development services
- 72212610 - Database software development services
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services
- 72243000 - Programming services
- 72244000 - Prototyping services
- 72262000 - Software development services
- 72263000 - Software implementation services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 72310000 - Data-processing services
- 72311100 - Data conversion services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

NIE Networks intends to place a panel of up to five organisations on framework agreements for this Lot 1.

It is envisaged to acquire experienced data specialists who can provide support and development services across the current data landscape and possible new data technology areas which may be implemented during the period of the framework agreement.

The framework for this lot will be awarded for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend (entirely at the discretion of NIE Networks) for up to a further 2 periods of up to 2 years each. That is a possible 7 years in total (3 years, with optional 2 x 2-year extensions)

#### **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: £6,000,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 Optional extension periods of up to 2 years each.

### **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) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 – Architecture Specialists

Lot No

2

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72100000 - Hardware consultancy services
- 72110000 - Hardware selection consultancy services
- 72120000 - Hardware disaster-recovery consultancy services
- 72130000 - Computer-site planning consultancy services
- 72140000 - Computer hardware acceptance testing consultancy services
- 72150000 - Computer audit consultancy and hardware consultancy services
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72212732 - Data security software development services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72222000 - Information systems or technology strategic review and planning services

- 72222100 - Information systems or technology strategic review services
- 72222200 - Information systems or technology planning services
- 72223000 - Information technology requirements review services
- 72224100 - System implementation planning services
- 72227000 - Software integration consultancy services
- 72228000 - Hardware integration consultancy services
- 72240000 - Systems analysis and programming services
- 72243000 - Programming services
- 72244000 - Prototyping services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 72262000 - Software development services
- 72263000 - Software implementation services
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

NIE Networks intends to place a panel of up to five organisations on framework agreements for this Lot 2.

It is envisaged to acquire experienced architects who can provide services across the current landscape and possible new technology areas which may be implemented during the period of the framework agreement.

The framework for this lot will be awarded for a period of 3 years, with the option to extend (entirely at the discretion of NIE Networks) for up to a further 2 periods of up to 2 years each. That is a possible 7 years in total (3 years, with optional 2 x 2-year extensions).

### **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: £7,000,000

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

Duration in months

84

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

2 Optional extension periods of up to 2 years each.

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

2 Optional extension periods of up to 2 years each.

### **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 IV. Procedure**

## **IV.1) Description**

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

### **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

3 April 2024

Local time

3:00pm

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

30 April 2024

### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

120 Malone Road

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BT9 5HT

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

[www.nienetworks.co.uk](http://www.nienetworks.co.uk)

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

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom