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## **Adversary Simulation (Red / Purple Team Exercises)**

NATIONAL GRID UK LIMITED

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b2dd

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/>

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://www.achilles.com/community/uvdb/>

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

Adversary Simulation (Red / Purple Team Exercises)

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

National Grid are seeking vendors to perform adversary simulation exercises including red and purple team exercises. The purpose of this tender is to solicit the expertise of experienced security consultants to simulate real-world threat actors and assess the capability of our security teams to prevent, detect and respond to cyber-attacks.

We look forward to reviewing proposals from qualified vendors.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,400,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- US - United States

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

National Grid is committed to maintaining a high level of security and requires a vendor that can provide a comprehensive and thorough evaluation of our security systems and processes. The successful vendors will have experience in performing red and purple teaming exercises against environments including cloud (Azure), OT networks, CNI, and on-premises systems including Microsoft AD and AAD, container platforms, and Linux servers.

National Grid is looking for vendors with a proven track record of delivering high-quality security services to organisations with similar security needs.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

31 October 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **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 expressions of interest**

Date

7 April 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

We use the Achilles Utilities Vendor Database (UVDB) when compiling lists of potential suppliers for our goods and services requirements. For the majority of our purchases, it is a condition of supplying to National Grid that suppliers are registered on the UVDB.

We expect to release the PQQ on Achilles at the beginning of April 2023. Please ensure you are registered on Achilles and visible under the UVDB code: 2.1.23 Cyber Security Consulting or Services in order to participate in this tender. The PQQ will not be available to suppliers who are not registered on Achilles under this code.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/suppliers/new-suppliers>

<https://www.achilles.com/community/uvdb/>