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Planning

Digital Professional Services, Technical Expertise and Rapid Resource Deployment

Ofgem

F01: Prior information notice

Reducing time limits for receipt of tenders

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.ofgem.gov.uk>

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA10021

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

www.mytenders.co.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Digital Professional Services, Technical Expertise and Rapid Resource Deployment

Reference number

2023-040

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Ofgem is seeking to establish a contract for Digital Professional Services, Technical Expertise and Rapid Resource Deployment, for ongoing and future projects which have yet to be defined.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 72300000 - Data services
- 71300000 - Engineering services
- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services

- 71354100 - Digital mapping services
- 72212730 - Security software development services
- 76100000 - Professional services for the gas industry
- 72226000 - System software acceptance testing consultancy services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services
- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services
- 79411100 - Business development consultancy services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

It is envisaged that Ofgem will appoint either a single provider or multiple providers (potentially up to 3), who are able to deploy highly skilled project teams or individuals to deliver against a defined set of requirements, within an agreed and signed 'Statement of Work' (SOW) along with clear delivery and payment milestones for individual programmes / projects / requirements.

The nature of requirements will include, but not be limited to, consultancy and professional services, to research, test, design, build, release, iterate, support, project manage or retire digital services.

As part of the requirement, Ofgem will be looking to deploy specialists for short, medium, and potentially longer-term assignments in areas such as:

- * User experience and design
- * Performance analysis and data

- * Security
- * Technical service delivery
- * Software development
- * Infrastructure
- * Support and operations
- * Testing and auditing
- * User research
- * Project Management
- * IT engineering, including technical leads and DevOps
- * Supplier and procurement management (Working with Ofgem's Procurement and Digital Commercial Teams)
- * The tenderer may be expected to sub-contract outside resource where they are unable to directly deliver Ofgem's requirements due to technical speciality or within a reasonable timescale.

Ofgem would expect all services within the contract to be delivered "off-payroll", outside of IR35.

Tenderers should expect to provide their own equipment, but may be required to use Ofgem equipment or a VPN solution in order to securely access and update sensitive documentation and content.

Indicatively, one commercial option being explored would be to benchmark pricing using day-rate cards for individuals against day rates based on the above job roles using the following skills framework:

- * Follow
- * Assist
- * Apply
- * Enable

* Ensure/Advise

* Initiate/Influence

* Set Strategy/Inspire

Ofgem also require tenderers to propose innovative ideas and solutions to help resolve the in house permanent skills gaps. This will be a scored part of any future tender.

The purpose of this PIN notice is to engage early with the supply market, to enable Ofgem to better define our requirements and approach the market with an appropriate tender specification which will enable Ofgem to achieve quality outcomes, value-for-money, and a partnership(s) with a supplier(s) who share common values and goals.

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

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

Please note, for all potential areas within this section, the scope/specification may be subject to change based on the market engagement.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

27 April 2023

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures

15 June 2023

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

This Prior Information Notice is to invite tenderers to be part of the early supplier engagement for this procurement.

Ofgem are seeking feedback on the models of delivery available from tenderers, and whether the entirety of the requirement would be best met by a single provider or through more than one discipline specific specialist providers (And how Ofgem would define these).

Ofgem are asking for interested tenderers to review the high-level requirements and provide feedback on the questionnaire, included within this portal.

Please see below for details on how to engage with Ofgem on this process.

Thank you in advance for all interest and responses to this notice, Ofgem value and appreciate your engagement.

For all areas within this Prior Information Notice, the scope / specification may be subject to change.

The following engagement activities are currently envisaged:

Questionnaire

Interested tenderers are asked to complete and submit the attached questionnaire by midday on Tuesday 11th April 2023.

Information collated will be used to understand the market overlap for requirements to assist in developing the contracting strategy.

Any diversions, updates, or further ESE needs related to this PIN, will be communicated via My Tenders, or company contact details on My Tenders, therefore please ensure your company details are up-to date.

Please submit completed questionnaires to procurement2@ofgem.gov.uk

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the myTenders Web Site at

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=228886.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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