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## **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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03b371

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

Ofgem

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London

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#### **Email**

[Procurement2@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:Procurement2@ofgem.gov.uk)

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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](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](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **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

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## **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

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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: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

15 June 2023

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## **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](mailto: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](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**

Public Procurement Review Service

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