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Tender

DfE – Review of Rates of Return for Renewable Electricity Generators Accredited under the Northern Ireland Renewables Obligation (NIRO) - (ID 3885459)

Department for the Economy DfE

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Department for the Economy DfE

BELFAST

Contact

Collaboration.CPDfinance-ni.gov.uk

Email

Collaboration.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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

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Reference number

ID 3885459

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In October 2020 the NIAO published its report entitled “Generating electricity from renewable energy”. The report advises, inter-alia, that, in the NIAO view, the financial return for some investors may have been more generous than it needed to be. The report also made six recommendations, three of which are relevant to DfE, including Recommendation 6 below: Recommendation 6 ‘The Department for the Economy should carry out a review of all types of renewable generators to ensure that current levels of financial support and the actual rates of return that are being achieved are compatible with the original projections and State Aid rules.’ DfE is seeking to appoint an external provider to undertake an exercise to meet the requirements of delivering Recommendation 6 of the NIAO report. A potential provider will need to be in a position to obtain and analyse data on the actual costs and revenues of renewable electricity generating stations, accredited to the NIRO, to enable accurate rates of return to be calculated across all relevant technologies. The contract is expected to commence upon award.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £120,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79212500 - Accounting review services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212300 - Statutory audit services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79419000 - Evaluation consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

5

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: 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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Contract monitoring: the successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance the matter will be escalated to senior management in Construction and Procurement Delivery (CPD) for further action. If this occurs and your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this can be considered grounds for termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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 May 2022

Local time

3:00pm

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

Tender must be valid until: 1 August 2022

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

3 May 2022

Local time

3:30pm

Place

Clare House

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

CPD Representatives

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for review/appeal or mediation procedures.

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) and,.. where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information is communicated.. to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the unsuccessful tenderers to.. challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.