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# **Link-Up-Services**

#### **ACHILLES INFORMATION LIMITED**

F07: Qualification system – utilities

Call for competition

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# **Section I: Contracting entity**

# I.1) Name and addresses

**ACHILLES INFORMATION LIMITED** 

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**ABINGDON** 

OX144SH

#### **Email**

Link-up@achilles.com

#### Country

**United Kingdom** 

#### **NUTS** code

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

## Internet address(es)

Main address

www.achilles.com

# I.3) Communication

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

https://www.achilles.com/community/link-up/

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

# I.6) Main activity

Railway services

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Link-Up - Services

# II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 50000000 - Repair and maintenance services

# II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

# II.2) Description

# II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 51000000 Installation services (except software)
- 55000000 Hotel, restaurant and retail trade services
- 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport)
- 63000000 Supporting and auxiliary transport services; travel agencies services
- 64000000 Postal and telecommunications services
- 65000000 Public utilities
- 66000000 Financial and insurance services
- 70000000 Real estate services
- 71000000 Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 75000000 Administration, defence and social security services
- 77000000 Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 7900000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 8000000 Education and training services
- 85000000 Health and social work services
- 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services
- 92000000 Recreational, cultural and sporting services
- 98000000 Other community, social and personal services

## II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Contracts awarded by subscribing entities will be mainly for performance within the UK, although contracts may be awarded for other locations.

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

Link-Up is a supplier registration and pre-qualification system used by buyers in all areas of the transport sector to have up-to-date and validated supplier information, and to procure efficiently in accordance within the meaning of Regulation 77 of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 and Regulation 75 of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016, which is operated by Achilles Information Ltd.

Link-Up collaborates across the transport industry to share opportunities and supplier information. In doing so, Link-Up provides transparency for innovation while lowering barriers to entry for all market participants, including those with new technology and capability.

#### II.2.5) Award criteria

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

#### II.2.8) Duration of the qualification system

Indefinite duration

# Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

## III.1) Conditions for participation

#### III.1.9) Qualification for the system

### Conditions to be fulfilled by economic operators in view of their qualification

Link-Up registration will be the first stage of qualification. You can join via <a href="https://www.achilles.com/community/link-up/">https://www.achilles.com/community/link-up/</a>

# III.2) Conditions related to the contract

#### III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Where relevant, such conditions will be stated in the procurement documents.

# **Section IV. Procedure**

# **IV.1) Description**

# IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used

Additional information about electronic auction

The subscribing entities reserve the right to conduct procurements under Link-Up using electronic auctions

# IV.2) Administrative information

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

English

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.3) Additional information

Contact details for each individual procurement will be provided by the subscribing entity in the specific procurement documents. Information referenced in Section III.2) of this notice will, where relevant, be provided in the specific procurement documents by the subscribing entity. The award criteria as referenced in Section II.2.5) may for certain procurements covered by this notice be on a price-only basis. Electronic workflows, as referenced in Section VI.2) may be employed by some or all of the subscribing entities. Subscribing entities may reserve contracts as referenced in Section III.1.5). Details of the contact for review procedures covered by Section VI.4.1) will be provided by the subscribing entity. Link-Up may be used by subscribing entities to establish dynamic purchasing systems.

# VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

See VI.3

See VI.3

Country

**United Kingdom** 

# VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

For contracts subject to the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 and the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016, utilities are required to incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the proposed award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification is required to provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. Where the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016 No 274) apply, provision is made for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of duty under the regulations to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Where the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016 No 49) apply, provision is made for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of duty under the regulations to take action in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.