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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**

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#### **Email**

[Link-up@achilles.com](mailto:Link-up@achilles.com)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.achilles.com](http://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

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## **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
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 80000000 - 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

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## **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 <https://www.achilles.com/community/link-up/>

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

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

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## **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

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## **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.