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# 23/057 - Panel for the Provision of Legal Services to Gas Networks Ireland and its Affiliates

Gas Networks Ireland

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# **Section I: Contracting entity**

# I.1) Name and addresses

Gas Networks Ireland

Gasworks Road

Cork

T12RX96

#### Contact

**Tender Admin** 

#### **Email**

Tenders@gasnetworks.ie

#### Country

Ireland

#### Region code

IE - Ireland

# Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

#### Internet address(es)

Main address

https://www.gasnetworks.ie

Buyer's address

https://www.gasnetworks.ie

# I.3) Communication

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

http://www.etenders.gov.ie

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

http://www.etenders.gov.ie

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# I.6) Main activity

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

# **Section II: Object**

# II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

23/057 - Panel for the Provision of Legal Services to Gas Networks Ireland and its Affiliates

Reference number

23/057

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 79100000 - Legal services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

Gas Networks Ireland ("GNI") is seeking to establish a new legal panel to support the inhouse legal team when advising and supporting GNI and any subsidiary, holding company or affiliated company of GNI, including GNI (UK) Limited, as well as any subsidiary of a subsidiary or holding company of GNI (the "Affiliates"). The work is divided into six Lots covering all practice areas: six Lots comprise work in the Republic of Ireland (incl. legal support solutions) and one Lot comprises work across the UK. Up to a maximum of 19 providers will be appointed across all Lots.

#### II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 5

#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

23/057 - Legal work in the Republic of Ireland

Lot No

1

# II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services
- 79140000 Legal advisory and information services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

- UK United Kingdom
- IE Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Nationwide

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

Legal work in the Republic of Ireland across all practice areas listed in the Specification at Appendix 1 of the RFT and as more specifically described (by way of examples) in Annex 1 of Appendix 1. Lot 1 comprises the bulk of the legal work required by the Contracting Entity.

#### 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** 

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI (1+1).

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

You must submit through the eTenders system before the deadline. It is very important that you commence the scanning & uploading of your response in a timely manner. The system will automatically lockdown at the exact time specified in the Tender documents. Tenders that are not fully uploaded by the response deadline will not be accepted by the system. Please submit via the eTenders system not later than 12:00hrs (local time) on Thursday 02nd May 2024. <a href="https://www.etenders.gov.ie/system-user-guides">www.etenders.gov.ie/system-user-guides</a>

# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

23/057 - Litigation work in the Republic of Ireland

Lot No

2

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services
- 79140000 Legal advisory and information services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

- UK United Kingdom
- IE Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Nationwide

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

Litigation work in the Republic of Ireland, as more specifically described (by way of examples) in Annex 1 of Appendix 1 of the RFT

#### 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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI (1+1).

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

You must submit through the eTenders system before the deadline. It is very important that you commence the scanning & uploading of your response in a timely manner. The system will automatically lockdown at the exact time specified in the Tender documents. Tenders that are not fully uploaded by the response deadline will not be accepted by the

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# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

23/057 - Energy work in the Republic of Ireland

Lot No

3

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services
- 79140000 Legal advisory and information services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

- UK United Kingdom
- IE Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Nationwide

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

Energy work in the Republic of Ireland, as more specifically described (by way of examples) in Annex 1 of Appendix 1 of the RFT

#### 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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI (1+1).

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

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# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

23/057 - Property work in the Republic of Ireland

Lot No

4

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services
- 79140000 Legal advisory and information services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

- UK United Kingdom
- IE Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Nationwide

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

Property work in the Republic of Ireland, as more specifically described (by way of examples) in Annex 1 of Appendix 1 of the RFT and Schedule 11 of the Agreement.

#### 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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI (1+1).

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

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# II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

23/057 - Legal work in England and Wales, Scotland and/or Northern Ireland

Lot No

5

#### II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services
- 79140000 Legal advisory and information services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

- UK United Kingdom
- IE Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Nationwide

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

Legal work in England and Wales, Scotland and/or Northern Ireland, as more specifically described (by way of examples) in Annex 1 of Appendix 1 of the RFT.

#### 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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI (1+1).

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

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#### II.2) Description

#### II.2.1) Title

23/057 - Legal support solutions

Lot No

6

# II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 Legal advisory and representation services
- 79140000 Legal advisory and information services

#### II.2.3) Place of performance

**NUTS** codes

- UK United Kingdom
- IE Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Nationwide

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

Legal support solutions in the Republic of Ireland, as more specifically described (by way of examples) in section 5 of Appendix 1 of the RFT.

#### 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

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for up to a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI (1+1).

#### II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

#### II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend for a further two years at the sole discretion of GNI.

#### II.2.14) Additional information

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# Section IV. Procedure

# **IV.1) Description**

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

#### 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

2 May 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

English, Irish

#### IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

# **Section VI. Complementary information**

# VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

# VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

# VI.3) Additional information

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# VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court of Ireland

Four Courts, Inns Quay, Dublin 7

Dublin

**D07 WDX8** 

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HighCourtCentralOffice@courts.ie

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Country

#### Ireland

# VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Please refer to Statutory Instrument 131 of 2010, European Communities (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertaking) (Review Procedures) Regulations 2010 (and in particular Regulation 7 and 10(2)).