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Tender

Enquiry Control and Utility Asset Management System

Firmus Energy (Distribution) Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Firmus Energy (Distribution) Limited

A4-A5 Fergusons Way Kilbegs Road

ANTRIM

BT414LZ

Email

procurement@firmusenergy.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Companies House

05375370

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.firmusenergy.co.uk

I.3) Communication

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

<https://www.firmusenergy.co.uk/enquiry-control-and-utility-asset-management-system>

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

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Enquiry Control and Utility Asset Management System

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

firmus energy is tendering for the provision of an Enquiry Control and Utility Asset Management System. firmus energy is looking for bidders with the experience, skill and technical ability to provide a reliable Enquiry Control and Utility Asset Management System to assist in every day operations of connecting new customers and managing and maintaining the gas network and associated assets.

Estimated total contract value (based on the entire potential contract duration, including any extensions) is anticipated to be between £300,000 and £500,000.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72212000 - Programming services of application software
- 72223000 - Information technology requirements review services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services

- 72225000 - System quality assurance assessment and review services
- 72227000 - Software integration consultancy services
- 72232000 - Development of transaction processing and custom software
- 72241000 - Critical design target specification services
- 72242000 - Design-modelling services
- 72243000 - Programming services
- 72245000 - Contract systems analysis and programming services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 72251000 - Disaster recovery services
- 72253000 - Helpdesk and support services
- 72254000 - Software testing
- 72261000 - Software support services
- 72262000 - Software development services
- 72263000 - Software implementation services
- 72265000 - Software configuration services
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services
- 72267000 - Software maintenance and repair services
- 72268000 - Software supply services
- 72320000 - Database services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

Main site or place of performance

Antrim, Co Antrim, N. Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

firmus energy wants to procure a contract for the provision of an Enquiry Control and Utility Asset Management System to assist in every day operations of connecting new customers and managing and maintaining the gas network and associated assets.

firmus energy wants to work with a supplier who can successfully deliver a cloud hosted and futureproofed Enquiry Control and Utility Asset Management System for a gas distribution business, which will provide increased staff productivity, improved business intelligence and increased return on investment.

The project will be managed using appropriate project management methodologies to ensure on time and on budget delivery. The end product will be designed through interactive requirements gathering and design workshops, agreed with firmus energy and will be implemented by the supplier to meet the agreed configuration, specifications, designs and quality assurance.

The supplier will lead firmus energy through the transition to the new system and continue to support, maintain and develop the product through the lifetime of the contract.

At the end of the procurement process, firmus energy want to purchase a system that enables firmus energy to reduce opex costs, increase staff productivity, is future proof and is easily configurable.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

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

It is anticipated that any contract awarded will be entered into for a three (3) year period. The total duration indicated above reflects the potential for 2x1 year contract extensions.

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 4

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

As set out in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

As stated in the procurement documents.

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.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

As stated in the procurement documents

III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required

firmus energy reserves the right to require bonds, deposits, guarantees or other forms of undertaking or security to ensure proper contractual performance.

III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

As set out in the procurement and contract documents

III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Subject to the status and involvement of the parties, firmus energy may require the parties to commit to joint and several liability in respect of the contract. Alternatively firmus energy may require the lead operator to take total responsibility or a consortium to form a legal entity before entering into any framework agreement.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As set out in the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

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

18 April 2024

Local time

5:00pm

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

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

This contract is being procured competitively in accordance with the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (as amended). The procedure to be followed for this procurement is the negotiated procedure. Bidders who wish to participate in this procurement will be required to provide their contact details to procurement@firmusenergy.co.uk upon downloading the procurement documents. Bidders who fail to provide their details or register in this manner will not receive any clarifications or updated information provided by firmus energy during the procurement process.

The costs of responding to this notice and participation in the process will be borne by each bidder. All discussions and correspondence will be deemed strictly subject to contract until a formal contract is entered into. The formal contract shall not be binding until it has been signed and dated by the duly authorised representatives of the relevant parties.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Email

office@courtsni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

firmus energy will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to all bidders. The standstill period provides time for review of the award decision by unsuccessful bidders before the contract is entered into.

