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SSE SERVICES PLC

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Scope

Description

SSE Services Plc is initiating a regulated tender to establish a Telecommunications Multi-Lot Framework. This framework will create a dedicated pool of specialist providers to support the successful delivery of the T3 programme, as well as ongoing Business-As-Usual (BAU) requirements such as capacity augmentation and backfill. The aim is to ensure robust, reliable, and scalable telecoms support across Transmission, Distribution, and Renewables business units.

Commercial tool

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

Total value (estimated)

- £360,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 4 January 2027 to 3 January 2035
- 8 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50330000 - Maintenance services of telecommunications equipment
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Lot 1. Hardware Supply

Description

Procurement of telecom networks.

Lot value (estimated)

- £360,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Specialist Design - This lot covers advanced design and specialist consultancy services that extend beyond in-house capabilities.

Description

- Comprehensive microwave radio engineering survey and design.
- In-depth Openreach survey and network design.
- Support for telecoms tasks not covered internally.
- Direct engagement between Telco and external vendors (e.g. Cisco, others).
- Facilitation of supplier relationships and coordination.
- Design support for substation telecommunications infrastructure.
- Proof-of-concept development involving new hardware and service models.
- Vendor Agnostic Design Solutions.

Lot value (estimated)

- £360,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

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Lot 3. Hardware & Construction - This lot focuses on procurement and physical deployment of telecommunications hardware and infrastructure.

Description

- Supply of telecommunications hardware.
- Provision of telecoms services and components.
- Greenfield construction of substation telecom systems.
- Brownfield upgrade and integration of existing substation telecom systems.

Lot value (estimated)

- £360,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Open framework scheme end date (estimated)

3 January 2035

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Framework - Purchase via call off contracts

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Submission

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

2 March 2026, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

All suppliers should register their interest via Jaggaer Source to Contract system, where they will also find the required documentation to complete.

<https://www.sse.com/potential-suppliers/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 December 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical / Cyber Security	Quality	100%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

PQQ to be issued -2 step procedure under PA23 utilising Jaggaer / Find a tender. Open Framework to be utilised. Following PQQ evaluation, down selection will be made to move to ITT stage.

Awards will be made per lot. Total of 3 available lots.

Contracting authority

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