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Planning

SSEN Battery Back Up Provisions

SSE plc

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SSEN Battery Back Up Provisions

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31422000 - Battery packs

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

SSEN is the electricity distribution network operator in two distinct regions in the United Kingdom and is legally obligated to maintain and operate the electricity distribution network to maintain supply to our customers.

As part of our license to operate, we have an obligation to provide back-up power arrangements to certain customer groups and one way of doing this is to provide batteries to our customer base to enable them to power key equipment during a power outage. As such, SSEN plans to purchase a number of batteries to give to our customers (free of charge).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31120000 - Generators
- 31154000 - Uninterruptible power supplies
- 31156000 - Interruptible power supplies
- 31422000 - Battery packs
- 31440000 - Batteries
- 31682530 - Emergency power supplies

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The aim of this Request for Information (RFI) is for information to be provided to help develop a procurement strategy that will identify efficiency and will also assist with pre-qualification and/or invitation to tender process for the supply and delivery of battery equipment/portable power stations suitable for home use.

Our requirement is to source sustainable and cost-effective batteries to support vulnerable customers during power cuts. Using modern battery packs, we will introduce proactive support for customers who rely on electrically powered medical equipment. The provision of these battery packs will ensure immediate emergency power during a power cut, thus helping to keep medical equipment operational. Battery provisions may be required to operate the likes of feeding machines, CPAP machines, tele-care alarms, heart monitors, or airflow mattresses.

Our intention is for battery packs to be provided to at least 20,000 customers who use electrically powered medical equipment. These must be distributed between now and 31 March 2028.

The purpose of this engagement is for the market to provide information only.

This process of engagement is not a pre-qualification, tender nor a guarantee of any future tender opportunities. This process also does not guarantee any agreements, contracts, or delivery of the required goods.

II.2.14) Additional information

The Request For Information (RFI) documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://sse.app.jaggaer.com/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=379>

Please submit responses to Deborah Johnstone by email by 12:00pm GMT Thursday 25th

RFI Contact Point

Deborah Johnstone, Strategic Procurement Officer

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 November 2024

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No