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Planning Consultancy

UK POWER NETWORKS (OPERATIONS) LIMITED

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Call for competition

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

https://ukpowernetworks.sharepoint.com/:f:/s/ProcurementDocumentManagement/EsptPt1SXzpAhDPvJT3XxhoBL_RWtPXjwyaKvLMgX0I9PQ

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

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Planning Consultancy

Reference number

PE1-0001-2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71410000 - Urban planning services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

UK Power Networks (UKPN) intends to conduct a procurement event for the provision of Planning Consultancy.

This will be split into 4 x Lots as follows. You can bid for 1 or more Lots. Further detail is contained within the Request for Information document.

High-level detail as follows:

Lot 1: Planning Services and Support

What services shall be provided:

The scope of the contract will cover services that allow UKPN the ability and the capacity to fulfil any statutory planning requirements under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, General Permitted Development Order 2015 & Planning Act 2008 (NSIP), and any other relevant legislation across the company operational estate.

Lot 2: Biodiversity Net Gain Support and Unit Reservation

What services shall be provided:

The contract will cover services that will allow UKPN the ability and the capacity to fulfil their requirements as may be set out under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the Environment Act 2021 and any other relevant legislation across the company's operational estate.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Advice in relation to achieving BNG requirements in relation to planning applications;
- Representing UKPN's interests at a local and national policy level in relation to future amendments to the BNG legislation (e.g. amendments to the exemptions regulations, local BNG policy targets etc);
- Supporting the planning application process to confirm and ensure BNG delivery;
- Identification and management of purchase of 3rd party biodiversity units; and

- Support on UKPN's BNG strategy (both in relation planning applications and OFGEM commitments).

Lot 3: Highways/Transport Services and Support

What services shall be provided:

The contract will cover services that will allow UKPN the ability and the capacity to fulfil their requirements as may be set out under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the Highways Act 1980 and any other relevant legislation across the company's operational estate.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Production of Transport Assessments/Statements;
- General advice on the highways/transport impacts of proposed development or construction activities;
- Production and co-ordination of Construction Traffic Management Plans to support planning applications;
- Management of S278 application process;
- Production of technical and civil drawings in accordance with highways specifications to support S278 applications.

Lot 4: Stakeholder Engagement and Communication Support

What services shall be provided:

The contract will cover services that will allow UKPN the ability and the capacity to fulfil statutory and non-statutory engagement requirements as may be set out under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, National Planning Policy Framework (NPF), local planning policy and any other relevant legislation across the company's operational estate.

This may include but is not limited to:

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots

4

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Planning Services and Support

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71410000 - Urban planning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1: Planning Services and Support

What services shall be provided:

The scope of the contract will cover services that allow UKPN the ability and the capacity to fulfill any statutory planning requirements under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, General Permitted Development Order 2015 & Planning Act 2008 (NSIP), and any other relevant legislation across the company operational estate.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Seeking pre-application advice from Local Planning Authorities for new sites and development.
- Obtaining planning consent for new development;
- Supporting and coordinating legal agreements as may be required by the planning process;
- Seeking consent for the demolition of existing buildings;

- Obtaining consent for extending existing sites or works on existing land and buildings;
- Obtaining material and non-material amendment consents for existing permissions;
- Change of use applications;
- Associated applications for non-electricity uses (domestic/commercial);
- Seeking consents for construction compounds associated with overhead line / underground cable transition;
- Seeking exemptions from the S37 regime for overhead lines; and
- Provision of general advice in relation to permitted development activities and activities associated to the provision of our statutory undertaking.

Provision of third-party services:

Also, it is intended that when required and not sourced directly by UKPN, the associated requirements be sourced, coordinated, and managed by the successful bidder to provide seamlessly joined-up delivery. This will include:

- Party Wall Agreements (both associated with new project work and 3rd party);
- Rights of Light;
- Rights of Air;
- Landscape assessment and design;
- Contamination / Ground / Soil investigations & reports;
- Noise surveys;
- Ecology and Biodiversity Net Gain Reports;
- Arboricultural Assessments;
- Archaeology and Cultural Heritage Assessment;
- Highways and transport assessments (including Section 278 agreements);
- Communication consultants;

- Lighting assessments; and
- Flood Risk Assessments and drainage reports.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Biodiversity Net Gain Support and Unit Reservation

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90712000 - Environmental planning
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2: Biodiversity Net Gain Support and Unit Reservation

What services shall be provided:

The contract will cover services that will allow UKPN the ability and the capacity to fulfil their requirements as may be set out under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the Environment Act 2021 and any other relevant legislation across the company's operational estate.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Advice in relation to achieving BNG requirements in relation to planning applications;
- Representing UKPN's interests at a local and national policy level in relation to future amendments to the BNG legislation (e.g. amendments to the exemptions regulations, local BNG policy targets etc);
- Supporting the planning application process to confirm and ensure BNG delivery;
- Identification and management of purchase of 3rd party biodiversity units; and
- Support on UKPN's BNG strategy (both in relation planning applications and OFGEM commitments).

Purchase of 3rd Party Biodiversity Units:

It is intended that the successful bidder will be able to provide access to the purchase of biodiversity units across the UKPN region. The provision of these units will be sourced, co-ordinated and managed by the successful bidder to provide a seamless joined up delivery. This may include but is not limited to:

- A reservation agreement for biodiversity units anticipated to be required for the delivery of UKP"s statutory undertaking;
- The delivery of a unit bank for the purpose of UKPN's use within their DNO area; and
- Purchase of Biodiversity units on a project by project basis to deliver BNG as required by legislation.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Highways/Transport Services and Support

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

What services shall be provided:

The contract will cover services that will allow UKPN the ability and the capacity to fulfil their requirements as may be set out under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, the Highways Act 1980 and any other relevant legislation across the company's operational estate.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Production of Transport Assessments/Statements;
- General advice on the highways/transport impacts of proposed development or construction activities;
- Production and co-ordination of Construction Traffic Management Plans to support planning applications;
- Management of S278 application process;
- Production of technical and civil drawings in accordance with highways specifications to support S278 applications.

Provision of 3rd party services:

It is intended that, if the successful bidder is unable to provide the following services, they will be sourced, co-ordinated and managed by the successful bidder to provide a seamless joined up delivery. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Provision of Road Safety Audits in accordance with S278 requirements; and
- Undertaking of speed and traffic count surveys.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Stakeholder Engagement and Communication Support

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71410000 - Urban planning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

What services shall be provided:

The contract will cover services that will allow UKPN the ability and the capacity to fulfil statutory and non-statutory engagement requirements as may be set out under the Town & Country Planning Act 1990, National Planning Policy Framework (NPF), local planning policy and any other relevant legislation across the company's operational estate.

This may include but is not limited to:

- Providing Stakeholder Engagement strategies align with planning and consenting programmes.
- Co-ordinating and supporting engagement with local political stakeholders.
- Supporting and co-ordinating engagement with third party local stakeholders (e.g. schools, community groups).
- Producing collateral required to support stakeholder engagement strategy (e.g. letters, websites and display boards).

- Organising and supporting in-person and online engagement events required to support planning applications and construction activities.
- Production of Statement of Community Involvement's as required to support planning applications.
- Support in responding to and engaging on complaints and objections that may arise during the planning process.
- Provision of general advice in relation stakeholder engagement and communication for UKPN's activities associated to the provision of our statutory undertaking.

Provision of 3rd Party Services:

It is intended that the associated requirements to the stakeholder engagement and communication activities be sourced, co-ordinated and managed by the successful bidder to provide seamlessly joined up delivery. This may include, but is not limited to:

- Print and display services;
- Distribution activities (posting and delivery of letters and notifications);
- Hire of venues required for engagement events; and
- Graphic design and website design services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for the receipt of applications for an invitation to tender or to negotiate

Date

30 April 2024

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

NA

NA

Country

United Kingdom