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## **Framework for the Provision of Technical Advisory and Support Services.**

Xlinks

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**I.3) Communication**

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

[https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Billericay:-Advisory-and-consultative-engineering-services.-\\*Duplicated\\*/635N44H596](https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Billericay:-Advisory-and-consultative-engineering-services.-*Duplicated*/635N44H596)

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Framework for the Provision of Technical Advisory and Support Services.

Reference number

100/011

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71318000 - Advisory and consultative engineering services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Xlinks is seeking to establish a Framework Agreement with suitably experienced technical advisors in relation to the Xlinks Morocco-UK Power Project, as further described below. The technical advisors framework will consist of eight (8) separate Lots, with each Lot having specific requirements to be further developed during the development phase of the project.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £1,030,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Any combination of lots.

### **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Civil Engineering/Ground Works

Lot No

1

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

- 71311000 - Civil engineering consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- MA - Morocco

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM,Morocco

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

For the provision Consultancy services covering the following:

- Site work - incl building/roof structures, wind loadings/forces analysis, temp works, utilities, CDM compliance
- Site Security – incl CNI, fencing, cameras/alarms, mobile site security
- Internals - Fire suppression/deluge, HVAC, building services, cooling systems, cladding, control rooms
- Ground conditions – incl drainage/surface water, access/traffic, roads/access ways
- Installation and route engineering – pull/forces/bends, HDD techniques, duct pulls, terminations
- Foundations, piling and other specialist ground and soil tests
- Surveys (Topographical & Geotechnical)
- Provision of skilled resources

### **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: £180,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration will depend on the achievement of financial close and completion of post close activities. Xlinks will be entitled to extend the contract by up to 12 months

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Environment, Consents and Community

Lot No

2

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

- 90700000 - Environmental services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- MA - Morocco

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM, Morocco

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

For the provision Consultancy services covering the following:

- Ecology, SSSI, habitat (e.g. animals/birds/rodents), protected species
- All Archaeological activities
- Planning, permits, licensing support and execution plans
- Stakeholder management, community support, websites
- Noise/visual disturbances and environmental screening
- Water containment, discharge and sediment management
- Land remediation, clean up and treatment
- Provision of skilled resources
- Traffic control and access management

### **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: £80,000

**II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

**II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

**II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration will depend on the achievement of financial close and completion of post close activities. Xlinks will be entitled to extend the contract by up to 12 months.

**II.2) Description**

**II.2.1) Title**

Marine and Offshore Services Support

Lot No

3

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

- 98360000 - Marine services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- MA - Morocco

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM,Morocco

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

For the provision Consultancy services covering the following:

- Marine surveys, Geotech/geophys, landfall analysis and associated data and its management
- Vessels – CLV, cable burial and protection/ROV's etc, CBRA/BSA etc, dredging, interface with offshore infrastructure/crossing agreements
- Fisheries liaison/guard vessels, shipping and navigation, impact on fish, marine traffic
- Route survey – specialist studies, modelling, specialist cable work/techniques e.g. pinning, stability/free-span analysis, geospatial data, UXO processes
- Provision of skilled resources
- Marine activity, vessel assurance activities including audits, procedures (Hazid/Hazop)
- Offshore stakeholder management including 3rd party crossing agreements

#### **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: £180,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months



This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration will depend on the achievement of financial close and completion of post close activities. Xlinks will be entitled to extend the contract by up to 12 months.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Technical – Cable and Converter

Lot No

4

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

- 45232221 - Transformer substation

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- MA - Morocco

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM, Morocco

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

For the provision Consultancy services covering the following:

- Detailed cable knowledge including ratings, jointing, repair, lay and burial, heat/thermal performance, fault finding, acoustic/thermal measurements, cable handling/load-out, spares etc.
- Detailed converter knowledge including functionality, components (e.g. reactors, transformers) grid code compliance and standards, frequency containment and operability and harmonic analysis
- Substation and converter assets, connection works, protection & control and connection to remote end generator networks
- Specialist technical services incl earthing, lightning protection, induced currents
- Communications – performance and adequacy of interstation comms. for converter operations including latency analysis and black start
- Cable monitoring DTS-DAS including contingency for fault finding e.g. TDR (or other)
- System studies, harmonic and SSTI analysis
- Provision of skilled resources
- Provision of overload and or other National Grid ancillary services (e.g. frequency response)

#### **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: £150,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration will depend on the achievement of financial close and completion of post close activities. Xlinks will be entitled to extend the contract by up to 12 months.

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.1) Title**

Quality, Process and Manufacture

Lot No

5

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

- 90714500 - Environmental quality control services

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- MA - Morocco

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM,Morocco

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

For the provision Consultancy services covering the following:

- Risk management, process and efficiency assessments
- Quality Assurance, audit, witness and factory testing
- Vessel capability testing, audit and assurance
- Environmental management and containment
- Safety processes/systems and authorizations
- Third Party Verification Services
- Provision of skilled resources

#### **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: £90,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration will depend on the achievement of financial close and completion of post close activities. Xlinks will be entitled to extend the contract by up to 12 months.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Health and Safety

Lot No

6

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

- 71317210 - Health and safety consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- MA - Morocco

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM,Morocco

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

For the provision Consultancy services covering the following:

- Plans, Procedures and other processes

- Forms & Templates
- CDM
- Audits & Inspections
- Registers
- Emergency planning arrangements and testing
- Electrical safety rules & authorisations
- Provision of skilled resources

#### **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: £90,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration will depend on the achievement of financial close and completion of post close activities. Xlinks will be entitled to extend the contract by up to 12 months.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Electrical Engineering, Construction and Building Services

Lot No

7

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

- 71310000 - Consultative engineering and construction services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- MA - Morocco

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM,Morocco

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

For the provision Consultancy services covering the following:

- Electrical System Studies and models including transient and harmonic
- Operational scenarios
- Artificial intelligence, visual and 3D technologies
- Resilience parameters (power & telecoms)
- Communications
- Project Management resources

- Provision of skilled resources

### **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: £180,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration will depend on the achievement of financial close and completion of post close activities. Xlinks will be entitled to extend the contract by up to 12 months.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Procedures, Standards & Codes



Lot No

8

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

- 71317000 - Hazard protection and control consultancy services

**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom
- MA - Morocco

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM,Morocco

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

For the provision Consultancy services covering the following:

- Flood management plan
- Site waste management plan
- Air quality management plan
- Pollution prevention response plan
- Stakeholder Communication Plan
- Artificial Light Emissions Management Plan
- Watercourse Crossing Methodology
- Public rights of way management plan
- Provision of skilled resources

**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: £80,000

#### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The contract duration will depend on the achievement of financial close and completion of post close activities. Xlinks will be entitled to extend the contract by up to 12 months.

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **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

Experience of the Bidder in providing services of the type required for the relevant Lot.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Restricted procedure

#### **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: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

31 May 2022

Local time

4:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

17 June 2022

#### **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: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Xlinks considers that the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (UCR2016) may potentially apply to the award of contracts under the framework. As a result, it is Xlinks' current intention, on a voluntary basis, to follow the procedures set out in UCR2016 as regards the award of the framework agreement.

The framework agreement will facilitate the award of contracts through both direct awards and following mini-competition amongst relevant framework consultants. The criteria for making awards are currently under development and will be advised to pre-qualified bidders who proceed to the ITT stage of this competition. It is anticipated that the criteria will include relevant experience of the consultant, availability of relevant personnel, ability to meet required timescale / programme and ability to meet target budget for a particular piece of work. The criteria may be ascribed differing levels of importance depending on the relevance / criticality of a particular criterion to a specific scope of work. Xlinks will incorporate greater flexibility to determine relevant criteria where UCR2016 are not applicable.

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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