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Tender

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

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

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

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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.

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.

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)

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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