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Opportunity

Provision of SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Services

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

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Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Services

Reference number

CA290

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NIE Networks has been operating on SAP products since 1999 when SAP ECC was implemented. In 2012 the company made a strategic investment by implementing the utility application SAP IS-U, further adding to the utilisation of SAP products and establishing a core technology platform on NIE Networks IT estate.

The continued stability of NIE Networks day to day operations and customer services relies on a range of IT applications and infrastructure. A central part of the IT estate is the series of SAP applications that forms a fundamental element in supporting the core NIE Networks business and market processes. Multiple internal non-SAP applications and external partner systems are integrated with the SAP system estate, working together to provide end to end business capabilities and overall compliance with Regulatory, Market and Statutory obligations.

From the end of 2027, the current version of SAP ERP transitions to extended vendor support arrangements and will be out of full support by the end of 2030.

NIE Networks Ltd plans to upgrade to SAP S/4 HANA to ensure interoperability with current systems be maintained and to fully leverage new technologies and functionalities on an established platform, thus maintaining a stable and secure system within the company's IT estate.

The upgrade to S/4 HANA is expected to be delivered across two key stages. To support the first stage (Stage 1) NIE Networks has a requirement to engage professional services across two lots, to support the completion of a planning and discovery phase which will result in the appointment of a System Integrator to deliver the second stage (Stage 2) of the project.

It is intended that the Contracting Entity will, subject to a sufficient number of compliant responses being received, enter into Framework Agreements with 2 Economic Operators for the Provision of SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Support. The requirement will be split in to two lots as follows: One Economic Operator for Lot 1 - Professional Services to Support the Procurement on an ERP System Integrator and one Economic Operator for Lot 2 - SAP S/4 HANA Professional Services.

Separate Agreements will be entered into with each successful Economic Operator. The Contracting Entity estimates that the total spend under the Framework Agreement, based on current requirements, is anticipated to be between £0.6 million and £1.1 million for Lot 1 and between £0.8 million and £1.6 million for Lot 2.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,700,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Professional Services to Support the Procurement of an ERP System Integrator

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

- 72212442 - Financial systems software development services
- 72212451 - Enterprise resource planning software development services
- 72212490 - Procurement software development services
- 72212517 - IT software development services
- 72212700 - Software development services utilities
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 72224100 - System implementation planning services
- 72224200 - System quality assurance planning services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To appoint professional services to support the procurement of an ERP System Integrator. The requirement is to undertake and complete the SAP S/4 HANA procurement requirements definition, strategy and scope. In addition, support the selection process, enabling the successful appointment of an SAP System Integrator and subsequent contract award for Stage 2 as outlined within the specification.

The successful Economic Operator appointed for this Lot will be required to project manage the overall delivery of activities in Stage 1 which includes working closely with the successful Economic Operator appointed to Lot 2 and NIE Networks project team.

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: £1,100,000

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

Duration in months

72

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: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will be for a period of two (2) years with an option, exercisable entirely at the discretion of the Contracting Entity and subject to the terms of the Framework Agreement, to extend by a further optional period of up to four (4) years, with a total potential duration of six (6) years

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) Description

II.2.1) Title

S/4 HANA Professional Services

Lot No

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72212442 - Financial systems software development services
- 72212451 - Enterprise resource planning software development services
- 72212490 - Procurement software development services
- 72212517 - IT software development services
- 72212700 - Software development services utilities
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 72224100 - System implementation planning services
- 72224200 - System quality assurance planning services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

To appoint SAP S/4 HANA professional services organisation to complete a detailed SAP Discovery phase. The outputs from this phase (Stage 1) will form part of the business requirements while supporting the overall development of the solution strategy and scope. The deliverables from this phase will be published as part of the tender documentation for Stage 2 - the System Integrator appointment.

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: £1,600,000

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

Duration in months

36

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: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will be for a period of one (1) year with an option, exercisable entirely at the discretion of the Contracting Entity and subject to the terms of the Framework Agreement, to extend by a further optional period of up to two (2) years, with a total potential duration of three (3) years

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

As specified within the PQQ and/or tender documents available from the address specified with the reference project CA290 SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Services

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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

As specified within the PQQ and/or tender documents available from the address specified with the reference project CA290 SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Services

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 2

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

26 June 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

29 August 2023

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.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Ltd

120 Malone Road

Belfast

BT9 5HT

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3 JY

Country

United Kingdom

