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Tender

YPO 001187 - Supply of Natural Gas and Associated Services

YPO

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

YPO

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

http://www.ypo.co.uk/

Buyer's address

https://procontract.due-north.com/register?ReadForm

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://procontract.due-north.com/register?ReadForm

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://procontract.due-north.com/register?ReadForm

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

YPO 001187 - Supply of Natural Gas and Associated Services

Reference number

001187

II.1.2) Main CPV code

• 09121200 - Mains gas

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

YPO are looking for a sole supplier to be appointed onto a Framework for natural gas as well as related associated services for all public sector organisations. This Framework is designed to meet the needs of both YPO and Other Contracting Authorities by establishing an agreement where the end customer will place the order with the Provider and the Provider will deliver direct to the end customer.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,560,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09121200 Mains gas
- 09123000 Natural gas

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

• UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

YPO are looking for a sole supplier to be appointed onto a Framework for natural gas as well as related associated services for all public sector organisations. This Framework is designed to meet the needs of both YPO and Other Contracting Authorities by establishing an agreement where the end customer will place the order with the Provider and the Provider will deliver direct to the end customer.

YPO requires the ability to trade volumes of gas from the framework award date which is anticipated to be at 8 months before the Framework start date of 1st April 2025. This will allow YPO to purchase the gas requirements on behalf of our customers prior to the Framework start date, in readiness for the start of the Framework.

YPO requires the option to trade gas volumes beyond the Framework period and to 'sleeve' onto the next Framework agreement. YPO may also require the ability to 'sleeve' volume onto this Framework Agreement. These transactions will be completed free of charge and will be determined by the price of the gas secured through hedging activity.

The supply will also include an ability to provide additional services along the theme of providing innovation and energy efficiencies that are set out within the tender documentation.

Due to the restrictions on the notice format, the award criteria, including the cost/quality split can be found within the "other" section of this notice at VI.3..

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

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

Start date

1 April 2025

End date

31 March 2033

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

There is a possibility that this Framework will be subject to renewal after 6.5 years from the commencement date

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 cover the period from 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2029 with two options to extend for an additional 24 months.

The first decision to extend the Framework period will be taken by the end of December 2028 and will be dependent on satisfactory completion of all aspects of the Framework to date, the current market conditions for this category and YPO's contracting structures.

The maximum Framework period will therefore be 8 years, from 01 April 2025 to 31 March 2033 (subject to an annual review, incorporating price negotiations and KPI performance).

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

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

Organisations must ensure that they are not in breach of any of the mandatory or discretionary exclusions contained in Regulation 57 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Please refer to the Tender Documentation/Online Tender located on our E-Procurement system. The web address can be found under 'Procurement Documents' in the 'Communication' section of this notice.

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.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Please refer to the Framework Agreement Terms and Conditions located in our E-Procurement system. The web address can be found under 'Procurement Documents' in the 'Communication' Section in this notice.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open 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 a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

The justification for a 4+2+2 (possible 8 years in total) length Framework, is due to the complexity of the proposed Framework Agreement, taking account of the national procurement policy around tackling climate change and given the nature of the service/product, to ensure customers can gain the maximum benefits from using the Framework without compromising the potential for open competition in the wider market.

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

14 June 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 June 2024

Local time

12:05pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: There is a possibility that this Framework will be subject to renewal after 6.5 years from the commencement date

VI.3) Additional information

YPO are purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities. Please see the below link for details: <u>https://www.ypo.co.uk/about/customers/permissible-users</u>.

The Cost/Quality split for the evaluation of this tender will be Cost 34% Quality 66% with the Cost elements embedded across elements A,B and D of the evaluation criteria. The specified criteria for the full procurement is as follows:

- A Portfolio Actualisation and Trading Services (Including trading fees) 30%
- B Price Determination and Payment Terms 30%
- C Customer Service Framework Customer and Authority 25%
- D Additional Services 5%
- E Social Value and Sustainability 10%

YPO will incorporate a standstill period at the point of notification of the award of the contract is provided to all bidders. The standstill period will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days and provides time for unsuccessful tenderer's to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contract Regulations 2015 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of England and Wales

London

Country

United Kingdom