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## **Landowner Engagement Framework for Networks NI**

SONI Ltd

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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

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

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**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43172](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43172)

**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://www.mytenders.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.mytenders.co.uk>

**I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Landowner Engagement Framework for Networks NI

Reference number

SONI026

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

- 70332100 - Land management services

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

Services

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

SONI wishes to appoint an appropriately qualified and experienced consultancy firm to assist the business with landowner engagement duties associated with the securing of relevant land rights to facilitate the construction of new transmission assets on behalf of SONI and NIE Networks across Northern Ireland. SONI intends to establish a single supplier framework. The Framework Agreement period will be for an initial duration of five years with the option to extend annually for up to an additional three years, subject always to the satisfactory performance of the supplier.

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **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**

As the electricity transmission system operator for Northern Ireland one of SONI's key functions is to plan the development of the high voltage transmission network.

Part of this entails achieving consents for new sections of the transmission network, both in terms of public consultation, planning approvals from the relevant local authorities and securing relevant land rights from persons with an interest in land (PILs) on behalf of Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited in its capacity as transmission asset owner (NIE Networks), who will enter onto lands to construct and thereafter own the infrastructure.

SONI has the responsibility for securing relevant land rights (including wayleave agreements or options for easements and site acquisition ) and ensuring that any specific conditions or concerns raised by PILs and agreed with SONI are taken into account within the line design process and passed on to NIE Networks as appropriate.

#### **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: £2,500,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This framework will be in place for 5 years with the option to extend annually for an additional 3 years

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 3

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

As this is a framework, the need of the required services may increase or decrease over the term.

### **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 estimated value of 2.5 million pound is inclusive of the entire duration.

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## **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

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to 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.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

#### **III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required**

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

#### **III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

#### **III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice

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## **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 a single operator

#### **IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

#### **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

7 July 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

18 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: 12 (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

1) Interested parties must register their interest on the mytenders web site ([www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)) in order to be included on the mailing list for clarifications. All information relating to attachments, including clarifications and changes, will be published on the Portal ([www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)) only. Registration is free of charge. The contracting authority will

not accept responsibility for information relayed

(or not relayed) via third parties.

2) This is the sole call for competition for this service.

3) The contracting authority will not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by candidates or tenderers.

4) Contract award will be subject to the approval of the competent authorities.

5) If for any reason it is not possible to award the contract one or more of the tenderers invited following the conclusion of this competitive process, the contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract to the next ranked tenderer as appropriate.

6) At its absolute discretion, the contracting authority may elect to terminate this procurement process or any contract awarded.

7) Please note in relation to all documents, that where reference is made to a particular standard, make, source, process, trademark, type or patent, that this is not to be regarded as a de facto requirement. In all such cases it should be understood that such indications are to be treated strictly and solely for reference purposes only, to which the words 'or equivalent' will

always be appended.

8) Without prejudice to the principle of equal treatment, the contracting authority is not obliged to engage in a clarification process in respect of questionnaires with missing or incomplete information. Therefore, candidates are advised to ensure that they return fully

completed questionnaires in order to avoid the risk of elimination from the competition.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the myTenders Web Site at

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=229517](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=229517).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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

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

Public Procurement Review Service

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