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Contract

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

SONI Ltd

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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

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

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Main address

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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.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. This process has now concluded

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £2,500,000

## **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**

Quality criterion - Name: resources / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: approach and methodology / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: contract management / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 30

### **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 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

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

20 May 2024

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Dalcour Maclaren

1 STAPLEHURST FARM

BICESTER

OX25 3QU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,500,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### 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.

This tender process has now concluded and a contract has been awarded.

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

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

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