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22/013 - Framework for the Provision of External Audit, Taxation Compliance, Financial, Taxation and Related Services, Internal Audit and Risk Advisory Services to Gas Networks Ireland.

Gas Networks Ireland on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries.

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Gas Networks Ireland on behalf of itself and its subsidiaries.

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Cork

Contact

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Country

Ireland

NUTS code

IE - Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

<http://www.gasnetworks.ie>

I.3) Communication

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

www.etenders.gov.ie

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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I.6) Main activity

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

22/013 - Framework for the Provision of External Audit, Taxation Compliance, Financial, Taxation and Related Services, Internal Audit and Risk Advisory Services to Gas Networks Ireland.

Reference number

22/013

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

It is anticipated that the Frameworks will cover the following services for a three year period with Gas Networks Ireland and an option to extend, for further periods up to a total maximum of two years at the sole discretion of Gas Networks Ireland. The term of a contract awarded under a framework agreement may extend beyond the term of the relevant framework agreement.

Lot 1: External Audit

Lot 2: Taxation Compliance

Lot 3: Other Financial, Taxation and Related Services

Lot 4: Internal Audit

Lot 5: Risk & Risk Specialist Services (All Services)

Lots 1 and 2 will be awarded as separate single supplier frameworks. Immediately upon conclusion of these single supplier frameworks, contracts will be put in place between Gas Networks Ireland and the winner of each respective Lot.

Lot 3, Lot 4, and Lot 5 will be set up as multi-supplier frameworks with service providers appointed to a Framework. Contracts will be awarded to service providers appointed to these Frameworks in accordance with the terms of the relevant framework agreements.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

22/013 - External Audit

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- IE - Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Cork/Dublin

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Single supplier framework for External Audit services. All Framework Users will be entitled to use the framework.

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for further periods up to a total maximum of 2 years.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 1

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Framework agreement(s) duration of 3 years with an option to extend for further for periods up to a total maximum of two years.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

22/013 - Taxation Compliance

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- IE - Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Cork/Dublin

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Single supplier framework for Taxation Compliance services. All Framework Users will be entitled to use the framework.

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for further periods up to a total maximum of 2 years.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 1

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Framework agreement(s) duration of 3 years with an option to extend for further for periods up to a total maximum of two years.

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

22/013 - Other Financial, Taxation and Related Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- IE - Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Cork/Dublin

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Multi-supplier framework for Other Financial, Taxation and Related Services. All Framework Users will be entitled to use the framework.

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for further periods up to a total maximum of 2 years.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Framework agreement(s) duration of 3 years with an option to extend for further for periods up to a total maximum of two years.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

22/013 - Internal Audit

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- IE - Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Cork/Dublin

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Multi-supplier framework for Internal Audit. All Framework Users will be entitled to use the framework.

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for further periods up to a total maximum of 2 years.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 2

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Framework agreement(s) duration of 3 years with an option to extend for further for periods up to a total maximum of two years.

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

22/013 - Risk & Risk Specialist Services (All Services)

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 66171000 - Financial consultancy services
- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- IE - Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Cork/Dublin

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Risk Services

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for further periods up to a total maximum of 2 years.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 5

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

Framework agreement(s) duration of 3 years with an option to extend for further for periods up to a total maximum of two years.

II.2.14) Additional information

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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

Refer to tender documents.

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

Refer to PQQ.

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

Requests to participate may be submitted by single entities or by groups of service providers. A group will not be required to convert into a specific legal form in order to submit a request to participate, but may if the Contracting Entity considers it necessary to ensure that the contract is carried out to its satisfaction, be required to do so prior to award of the contract. The Contracting Entity also reserves the right to contract with each member of the group on the basis of joint and several liability, or with one member of the group as a main contractor with a number of sub-contractors or on any other basis as the Contracting Entity considers appropriate.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.1) Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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: 14

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

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12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

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: Yes

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

In order to apply for any of Lot 2, Lot 3, Lot 4, Lot 5(a) and/or Lot 5(b), Applicants must also apply for Lot 1, except in certain limited circumstances. See Item D6 of the Particulars in the PQQ in this regard.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The High Court

High Court Central Office, Four Courts, Inns Quay,

Dublin

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highcourtcentraloffice@courts.ie

Telephone

+35 318886000

Country

Ireland

Internet address

<http://www.courts.ie>

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Please refer to Statutory Instrument 131 of 2010, European Communities (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertaking) (Review Procedures) Regulations 2010 (and in particular Regulation 7 and 10(2)).