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Tender

## **ID5230772 - UREGNI - CEO Office - Framework for Economic, Financial Consultancy and Other Professional Services**

Utility Regulator NI  
Department for the Economy NI  
Utility Regulator NI

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves 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://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

ID5230772 - UREGNI - CEO Office - Framework for Economic, Financial Consultancy and Other Professional Services

Reference number

ID5230772

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

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

Services

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

Utility Regulator has an ongoing need for consultancy and other professional services advice in support of the delivery of its work programme. The requirement set out in the specification is to establish a framework of suppliers for the provision of consultancy and other professional services in support of UR's regulatory remit covering electricity, gas and water industries in Northern Ireland and their relationships, as needed, to markets in Great Britain, Ireland and Europe. The Department for the Economy (DfE) will also be able to avail of the framework and each of the lots as and when required. The framework will comprise 13 Lots

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

Value excluding VAT: £8,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for maximum number of lots  
13

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Regulatory and Incentive Design

Lot No

1

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
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- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services
- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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**II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £615,380

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

Duration in months

24

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

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

**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**

Competition and Market Behaviour

Lot No

2

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Utility Regulator has an ongoing need for consultancy and other professional services advice in support of the delivery of its work programme. The requirement set out in the specification is to establish a framework of suppliers for the provision of consultancy and other professional services in support of UR's regulatory remit covering electricity, gas and water industries in Northern Ireland and their relationships, as needed, to markets in Great Britain, Ireland and Europe. The Department for the Economy (DfE) will also be able to avail of the framework and each of the lots as and when required. The framework will comprise 13 Lots

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Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

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Duration in months

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **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**

Cost Assessment

Lot No

3

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Utility Regulator has an ongoing need for consultancy and other professional services

advice in support of the delivery of its work programme. The requirement set out in the specification is to establish a framework of suppliers for the provision of consultancy and other professional services in support of UR's regulatory remit covering electricity, gas and water industries in Northern Ireland and their relationships, as needed, to markets in Great Britain, Ireland and Europe. The Department for the Economy (DfE) will also be able to avail of the framework and each of the lots as and when required. The framework will comprise 13 Lots

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Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

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

Duration in months

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No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **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**

Economic Advice

Lot No

4

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Utility Regulator has an ongoing need for consultancy and other professional services advice in support of the delivery of its work programme. The requirement set out in the specification is to establish a framework of suppliers for the provision of consultancy and

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Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

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Duration in months

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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

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **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**

Market Design (United Kingdom, Ireland and International)

Lot No

5

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Utility Regulator has an ongoing need for consultancy and other professional services advice in support of the delivery of its work programme. The requirement set out in the specification is to establish a framework of suppliers for the provision of consultancy and other professional services in support of UR's regulatory remit covering electricity, gas and water industries in Northern Ireland and their relationships, as needed, to markets in

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#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £615,380

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

Duration in months

24

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

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **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**

## Consumer Protection

Lot No

6

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Utility Regulator has an ongoing need for consultancy and other professional services advice in support of the delivery of its work programme. The requirement set out in the specification is to establish a framework of suppliers for the provision of consultancy and other professional services in support of UR's regulatory remit covering electricity, gas and water industries in Northern Ireland and their relationships, as needed, to markets in Great Britain, Ireland and Europe. The Department for the Economy (DfE) will also be

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Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £615,380

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

Duration in months

24

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No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **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**

Market Research



Lot No

7

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Utility Regulator has an ongoing need for consultancy and other professional services advice in support of the delivery of its work programme. The requirement set out in the specification is to establish a framework of suppliers for the provision of consultancy and other professional services in support of UR's regulatory remit covering electricity, gas and water industries in Northern Ireland and their relationships, as needed, to markets in Great Britain, Ireland and Europe. The Department for the Economy (DfE) will also be able to avail of the framework and each of the lots as and when required. The framework will comprise 13 Lots

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Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

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

Duration in months

24

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

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

### **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**

General Corporate Finance and Accounting Advice, Forensic Accounting, Taxation (Energy and Water)

Lot No

**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
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**II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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Duration in months

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **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**

Cost of Capital and Financeability, Capital Structure and PFI/PPP

Lot No

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## **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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## **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **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**

Actuarial Advice

Lot No

10

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

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Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

### **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**

Audit

Lot No

11

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services



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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

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### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

### **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**

Project Management

Lot No

12

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **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**

Energy Systems Analysis and Modelling

Lot No

13

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

- 79200000 - Accounting, auditing and fiscal services
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79211000 - Accounting services
- 79212000 - Auditing services
- 79212100 - Financial auditing services
- 79221000 - Tax consultancy services
- 79300000 - Market and economic research; polling and statistics

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Utility Regulator has an ongoing need for consultancy and other professional services advice in support of the delivery of its work programme. The requirement set out in the specification is to establish a framework of suppliers for the provision of consultancy and other professional services in support of UR's regulatory remit covering electricity, gas and water industries in Northern Ireland and their relationships, as needed, to markets in Great Britain, Ireland and Europe. The Department for the Economy (DfE) will also be able to avail of the framework and each of the lots as and when required. The framework will comprise 13 Lots

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 65

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 35

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £615,380

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

Duration in months

24

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

Initial 2yr Framework period with option to extend for a further period of 2yrs

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **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

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### **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 several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 100

**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

22 July 2024

Local time

3:00pm

**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**

Tender must be valid until: 20 October 2024

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

22 July 2024

Local time

3:30pm

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The successful Contractor's performance on this Framework will be managed as per the specification and regularly monitored (see. Procurement Guidance Note 01/12 - Contract Management - Procedures and Principles). Contractors not delivering on contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs and your performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this can be considered grounds for termination of the contract at your expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In lieu of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may, in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended) be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years

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

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

The UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions. Any challenges are dealt with by the High Court Commercial Division to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulation

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Country



United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as.. amended)and. where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision