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Strategic Innovation Funding - Round 3

Wales And West Utilities

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

www.wwutilities.co.uk

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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

Strategic Innovation Funding - Round 3

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Strategic Innovation Fund (SIF) programme is investing up to £450 million in network innovation over the next 5 years. SIF is positioned to respond to industry obstacles and represents a major investment in the pace of innovation in the sector. SIF is funded by energy consumers through the price cap mechanism.

The vision of the SIF is to

- * support Ofgem in facilitating the UK's transition to net zero, at lowest cost to the consumer

- * position the UK as the 'Silicon Valley' of energy

Ofgem undertakes a four stage process to foster innovation and tackle issues facing the sector:

- * Challenge Setting.

- * Ideation.

- * Incubation.

- * Acceleration.

The ideation phase focuses on enabling the most ambitious and targeted ideas to reach the networks and be pitched as potential solutions for meeting the innovation challenges. These ideas should align with the innovation challenges which have been developed with industry and key stakeholders through the challenge setting process.

The Challenges for this round are:

Challenge 1: Whole system network planning and utilisation to facilitate faster and cheaper network transformation and asset rollout

Challenge 2: Novel technical and market approaches to deliver an equitable and secure net zero power system

Challenge 3: Unlocking energy system flexibility to accelerate electrification of heat

Challenge 4: Enabling power-to-gas (P2G) to provide system flexibility and energy network optimisation

The SIF programme funding opportunities are delivered over different phases:

* Discovery Phase: projects must last up to three months and have a total requested funding of no more than £150,000, exclusive of VAT.

* Alpha Phase: projects must last up to six months and have a total requested funding of no more than £500,000, exclusive of VAT.

* Beta Phase: projects must last up to five years and have a total requested funding of no more than £10 million, exclusive of VAT. Total costs and funding requests of more than this may be considered on a case by case basis.

If you wish to be considered to be included for this work please contact nicola.griffiths@wwutilities for the submission template.

<https://www.ofgem.gov.uk/publications/strategic-innovation-fund-round-three-innovation-challenges>

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

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

WWU have requirement to procure services that will support the delivery of any projects associated with the SIF challenges that WWU obtain funding via Ofgem.

Please note the funding is not guaranteed and needs to be applied for on each individual project. WWU's chosen partners will need to support these applications.

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

Duration in months

69

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: Yes

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot No

2

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

15 August 2023

Local time

10:00am

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Wales & West Utilities

Newport

Country

United Kingdom