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Award

Operational Telecoms Network Annual Fees

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

120 Malone Road,

Belfast,

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79980000 - Subscription services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The services to be provided to NIE Networks are essential to the effective operation of the Operational Telecommunications Network (OTN). JRC are the authority who manage Scanning Telemetry (ST) Radio Frequency spectrum in the UK and are the sole agency responsible for the issuing of ST Radio Frequencies used by NIE Networks on its Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radio network. Due to the nature of the services which the JRC provide to all UK Distribution Network Operators (DNO's), under the current operating structure of the OTN, NIE Networks has the requirement to award this contract.

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: £478,000

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

Core membership subscription to the industry representative body, use of ST Radio Frequencies on the OTN and additional radio spectrum services

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

This service is uniquely available from the Joint Radio Company Ltd. As the industry funded body, they are the sole provider of this service.

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement

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

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

25 June 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Joint Radio Company Ltd

Friars House, Manor House Drive

Coventry

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

2990041

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £478,000

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Ltd

120 Malone Road

Belfast

BT9 5HT

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chicester Street

Belfast

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Country

United Kingdom