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## **Energy Storage Systems**

Highways England

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

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

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Guildford

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.highwaysengland.co.uk](http://www.highwaysengland.co.uk)

### **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

National or federal Agency/Office

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

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Energy Storage Systems

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

- 31440000 - Batteries

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

Supplies

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

Highways England is developing a procurement strategy to procure the supply, installation and maintenance of Energy Storage Systems throughout England. Energy Storage Systems deliver temporary provision of supplementary electricity capacity as well as load balancing (decreasing demands on the permanent electricity networks) at various locations without upgrade of supply, in accordance with Highways England's standards and objectives. Initial thinking is that such Energy Storage Systems will have capacity of between 0.5MW and 2.5MW at each location targeted.

Once procured, the first project utilising this contract will contribute to the Government's

commitment of a minimum of six high powered electric vehicle charge points at all Motorway Service Areas (MSA) in England by 2023 by enabling rollout at locations where existing DNO (Distribution Network Operator) or National Grid capacity is insufficient to support delivering the commitment within the required timescales up to the estimated value of £11m (Tranche 1), and the cost of adding new capacity is commercially unviable. This market engagement seeks to discuss both specification and service requirement with contractors to fully develop the procurement strategy prior to tender.

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

Value excluding VAT: £60,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

### **II.2) Description**

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

Lot No

TBC

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

- 31158100 - Battery chargers
- 31210000 - Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits
- 31220000 - Electrical circuit components
- 31600000 - Electrical equipment and apparatus
- 31670000 - Electrical parts of machinery or apparatus
- 31680000 - Electrical supplies and accessories
- 44100000 - Construction materials and associated items
- 44110000 - Construction materials
- 44140000 - Products related to construction materials
- 44190000 - Miscellaneous construction materials
- 45223810 - Prefabricated constructions

- 45251100 - Construction work for power plant
- 45310000 - Electrical installation work
- 45315000 - Electrical installation work of heating and other electrical building-equipment
- 45317300 - Electrical installation work of electrical distribution apparatus
- 45320000 - Insulation work
- 50532000 - Repair and maintenance services of electrical machinery, apparatus and associated equipment
- 63712600 - Vehicle refuelling services
- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Sites throughout England which are yet to be specified.

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

Highways England is exploring opportunities to set up a contract, potentially an enabled framework, for the supply, installation and maintenance of Energy Storage Systems throughout England. The solution is to deliver temporary provision of supplementary electricity capacity as well as load balancing (decreasing demands on the permanent electricity networks) without upgrade of supply, in accordance with Highways England's standards and objectives. Initial thinking is that such Energy Storage Systems will have capacity of between 0.5MW and 2.5MW at each location targeted.

Highways England's objective is for this to contribute to the Government's commitment of a minimum of six high powered electric vehicle charge points at all MSAs in England by 2023 by enabling rollout at locations where DNO (Distribution Network Operator) or National Grid capacity is insufficient to support delivering the commitment within the required timescales up to the value of £11m (Tranche 1). The full specification of our requirements will be released with tender documentation.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

8 March 2022

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

#### **Early Engagement**

Highways England wishes to engage early with potential suppliers, through a series of virtual meetings and possible visits (dependent upon Covid restrictions). The aim of which is to develop the specification and procurement strategy to enable multiple bodies to procure a variety of size options for this unit. Initial thinking is that such Energy Storage Systems will have capacity of between 0.5MW and 2.5MW at each location targeted.

The potential value of the contract is up to a maximum of £60m over a 4-year period. The procurement will take place in tranches.

Tranche 1 –estimated up to £11m to meet the requirements for the first project, procured directly by Highways England for the supply of units to Motorway Service Areas, for which specific locations are yet to be determined.

Highways England's aim is that following early engagement with the supply chain, an efficient and effective commercial model that works for all stakeholders will be developed, culminating in a more accurate estimate of the contract value in readiness for the invitation of tenders. Appointment times will be limited, therefore please only register your interest if your company can fulfil the requirements and may be interested in tendering for this opportunity.

To register your interest in a first meeting during week commencing 13 September, please email Laurence Potts at

[MSA-ESSProcurement@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:MSA-ESSProcurement@highwaysengland.co.uk) by 8 September 2021.