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## **Low Carbon Inertia Service Procurement – Phase 1**

SONI Ltd

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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**22 August 2023, 12:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

### **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

SONI Ltd

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**NUTS code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.soni.ltd.uk](http://www.soni.ltd.uk)

Buyer's address

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43172](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA43172)

**I.2) Information about 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://www.mytenders.co.uk/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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

**I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Low Carbon Inertia Service Procurement – Phase 1

Reference number

SONI029

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

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

Services

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

The objective of this PQQ process is to produce a short-list of suitably qualified Candidates who will be invited to tender for the provision of a Low Carbon Inertia Service (LCIS).

This document provides an overview of the expected requirements for the Low Carbon Inertia Service to be procured. The exhaustive list of requirements will be confirmed at tender stage once all regulatory decisions are made.

Volumes to procure:

The Total targeted inertia volume is 4000MVA.s.

The Contracts sizes may vary between 900MVA.s and 2000MVA.s. It is expected that there will be at least 2, but possibly up to a maximum of 4 contracts awarded in Northern Ireland.

Note that locational incentives and /or minimum locational requirements may apply and these will be confirmed at RFP stage.

Note that a price cap will be introduced and confirmed at tender stage. The volumes targeted might not be procured if bids exceed the price cap and subsequently the number of contracts awarded might be reduced.

Note also that the mechanism by which the bids will be stacked and cleared will be confirmed at tender stage.

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

Value excluding VAT: £202,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The purpose of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) is to invite qualification applications from interested parties for the provision of a Low Carbon Inertia Service. This document provides a detailed description of the scope of requirements for the service we wish to procure. It also provides information about the selection procedure being used to qualify Candidates.

This procurement process is being run by SONI. SONI is part of EirGrid Group.

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: £202,000,000

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

Duration in months

72

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 10

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

Variants will be accepted: Yes

#### **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

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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

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice.

##### **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

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice.

#### **III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required**

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice.

#### **III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice.

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

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Please see Information Memorandum and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire attached to this notice.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

#### **IV.1.6) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used

#### **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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Date

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##### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

29 September 2023

##### **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: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### VI.3) Additional information

1) Interested parties must register their interest on the mytenders web site ([www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)) in order to be included on the mailing list for clarifications. All information relating to attachments, including clarifications and changes, will be published on the Portal ([www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)) only. Registration is free of charge. The contracting authority will

not accept responsibility for information relayed

(or not relayed) via third parties.

2) This is the sole call for competition for this service.

3) The contracting authority will not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by candidates or tenderers.

4) Contract award will be subject to the approval of the competent authorities.

5) If for any reason it is not possible to award the contract one or more of the tenderers invited following the conclusion of this competitive process, the contracting authority reserves the right to award the contract to the next ranked tenderer as appropriate.

6) At its absolute discretion, the contracting authority may elect to terminate this procurement process or any contract awarded.

7) Please note in relation to all documents, that where reference is made to a particular standard, make, source, process, trademark, type or patent, that this is not to be regarded as a de facto requirement. In all such cases it should be understood that such indications are to be treated strictly and solely for reference purposes only, to which the words 'or equivalent' will

always be appended.

8) Without prejudice to the principle of equal treatment, the contracting authority is not obliged to engage in a clarification process in respect of questionnaires with missing or



incomplete information. Therefore, candidates are advised to ensure that they return fully completed questionnaires in order to avoid the risk of elimination from the competition.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the myTenders Web Site at

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=229805](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=229805).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

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

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

Public Procurement Review Service

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