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Tender

T322 NIEN Transmission Substation Turnkey (Amended)

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Additional information relating to the award criteria that will be utilised in Stge 2 of this Multi Stage Procedure (Competitive Flexible Procedure).

Return date for submission of Qualification Questionnaires has been extended from the 16.05.2025 to the new return date of 23.05.2025 @ 12:00 noon.

The Pre-Qualification Instructions have been updated with a new section being inserted relating to the formation of groupings. The revised Instruction has been broadcasted to all Suppliers who have already noted their interest in this competition. The updated Instructions are available at

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Scope

Reference

T322

Description

It is proposed to establish a Multi-Party Framework which will consist of two lots,

- Lot 1 will consist of larger scale substations with a range between 110 - 400kV and an estimated cost range between £20 to £100m.
- Lot 2 will consist of medium scale substations with a range between 33 - 275kV and an estimated cost range between £1 - £20m
- The scope of works to be procured will include predominantly substation works including turnkey electrical, mechanical, civils and enabling works, with the inclusion of local overhead lines and cables within the curtilage of the site.
- NIEN wish to retain the flexibility for each lot to utilise both Design and Build (D&B) and Engineering Procurement and Construction (EPC) models.
- The default approach will be that equipment supply (transformers and switchgear etc.) will be in the scope of projects. Free issue of equipment will be limited to those projects for which NIEN have equipment ordered.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £362,000,000 excluding VAT

- £434,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 1 April 2031
- Possible extension to 1 April 2034
- 8 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

One three year extension

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45232220 - Substation construction work

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Specified in the Pre-Qualification Instructions available for downloading

Lot 1 (was Lot 1). Larger scale transmission substations

Description

Larger scale transmission substations : c. £25m to 100m (400/275/110 kV)

Lot value (estimated)

- £362,000,000 excluding VAT
- £434,400,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2 (was Lot 2). Medium Scale Substations

Description

Medium scale substation works c. £1m - £25m (275/110/33 kV)

Lot value (estimated)

- £362,000,000 excluding VAT
- £434,400,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

6

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Further information about fees

n/a

Framework operation description

Minicompetition or direct award

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1 (was Lot 1). Larger scale transmission substations

Lot 2 (was Lot 2). Medium Scale Substations

Specified in the Pre-Qualification Instructions available for downloading

Technical ability conditions of participation

Lot 1 (was Lot 1). Larger scale transmission substations

Lot 2 (was Lot 2). Medium Scale Substations

Specified in the Pre-Qualification Instructions available for downloading

Particular suitability

Lot 1 (was Lot 1). Larger scale transmission substations

Lot 2 (was Lot 2). Medium Scale Substations

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

30 April 2025, 12:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

23 May 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

The procurement documents for T322 are available for unrestricted and full access, free of charge , at:

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically also via:

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

2 February 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 31 January 2033

Award criteria

| Name | Description | Type | Weighting |
|-----------|---|---------|-----------|
| Technical | <p>NIE Networks envisage that the quality criteria to be used in the assessment of tendered proposals will relate to the following • Framework Management & Collaboration • Project Design • Project Construction • Project Programme • Project Management • Project Health, Safety & Environmental NIE Networks are in the process of developing the technical specifications relating to the initial projects to be awarded following</p> | Quality | 60% |

| Name | Description | Type | Weighting |
|-------|--|------|-----------|
| | <p>this tender competition and as referenced in the Pre-Qualification Instructions. In accordance with Section 24 of the 2023 Procurement Act NIE Networks will refine the above listed criteria by adding detail/sub-criteria and allocating weightings which will be made available to successful Suppliers who are shortlisted and invited to the tender stage of this multi-stage process. Full details relating to the award criteria will be published in the Instructions to Tender and will thereafter remain unchanged throughout the remaining stages of the process. While the Percentage weighting in the Notice states 60%, please note this is stated solely for the purpose of publishing the Notice. The actual quality ratio and weightings will be refined and confirmed at tender stage, where the Quality Criteria will be weighted in the range of 50% - 70%.</p> | | |
| Price | <p>NIE Networks envisage that the cost criteria to be used in the assessment of</p> | Cost | 40% |

| Name | Description | Type | Weighting |
|------|---|------|-----------|
| | <p>tendered proposals will relate to the following •</p> <p>Project Price •</p> <p>Framework Fee</p> <p>Percentage & Key Rates NIE Networks are in the process of developing the pricing strategy and in accordance with Section 24 of the 2023 Procurement Act NIE Networks will refine the above listed criteria by adding detail/sub-criteria and allocating weightings which will be made available to successful Suppliers who are shortlisted and invited to the tender stage of this multi-stage process. Full details relating to the award criteria will be published in the Instructions to Tender and will thereafter remain unchanged throughout the remaining stages of the process While the Percentage weighting in the Notice states 40%, please note this is stated solely for the purpose of publishing the Notice. The actual cost ratio and weightings will be refined and confirmed at tender stage, where the Cost Criteria will be weighted in the range of 30% - 50%.</p> | | |

Other information

Payment terms

Original Notice.

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Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Special regime

Utilities

Competitive flexible procedure description

It is intended to procure the Framework Agreement via a multi-stage process. First stage will involve the Conditions of Participation (Pre-Qualification). Suppliers will be required to complete the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire and submit with supporting documentation requested in the Questionnaire. Following an evaluation of the submissions NIE Networks will invite up to six Suppliers for Lot 1 and to six Suppliers for Lot 2. These shortlisted Suppliers will be invited to tender (second stage) and following receipt of tenders NIE Networks at its sole discretion reserves the right to commence negotiations or invite Best and Final Offers (third stage) and the final stage will be establish the framework agreement and award the initial drawdown contracts Ballylumford (lot 1) and Tureagh (lot 2). Full details are available in the Pre-Qualification Instructions.

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

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Organisation type: Private utility

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland