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Tender

## Natural Gas (Supply and Export)

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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## Section I: Contracting entity

### I.1) Name and addresses

THAMES WATER UTILITIES LIMITED

Reading

RG1 8DB

### Contact

Thames Water

### Email

[procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ11 - Berkshire

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

[www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement)

**I.3) Communication**

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

[www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement](http://www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement)

**I.6) Main activity**

Water

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Natural Gas (Supply and Export)

Reference number

FA1758

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

- 09123000 - Natural gas

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

Supplies

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

Thames Water Utilities (TWUL) are the largest water and wastewater services company in the UK, providing services to 15 million customers across London and the Thames Valley. TWUL would like to procure a framework agreement for the supply, metering and export of their Natural Gas portfolio. The contract will be for a 4 year period with an option to extend for a further 4 year period. Multi-lot applications are preferred.

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

Value excluding VAT: £70,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

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

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

Natural Gas Supply and Metering

Lot No

1

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

- 09121200 - Mains gas

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Whole of Thames Water region

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

The scope of this lot is to award a framework agreement for the supply of natural gas to TW sites as well as monitoring and maintenance of our gas meter fleet. TW's gas consumption is fairly consistent at around 100GWh per annum which is mainly used in the waste water treatment process as well as heating and hot water. TW currently have 66 AMR meters (one daily metered site).

We are looking for a proactive supplier to collaborate with to improve gas usage efficiency without penalty as well as optimise prices, whether through hedging or other means.

It is important that the uptime of our meters is maximised so response times and technical support are key here as well as proactive intervention when appropriate.

Reporting is important to us, preferably real time.

As you will be working on our sites, there are detailed health and safety processes and accreditations that we will require you to either already have or be willing to acquire.

### **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: £48,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 4 years, with options to extend up to a maximum overall term of 8 years.

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 7

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

Variants will be accepted: Yes

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 4 years with options to extend up to a maximum overall term of 8 years

## **II.2) Description**

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

Export of biomethane

Lot No

2

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

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy

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

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

Main site or place of performance

Whole of TW region

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

The scope of this lot is to award a framework agreement for the export and sale of biomethane gas generated through our biogas upgrade plants on key waste treatment sites.

We are currently producing around 43MWh of biomethane per year but this is expected to increase up to 709 MWh by 2030 due to a planned programme of biogas upgrade plant installations.

We are interested in working with suppliers who will be able to optimise revenue, help us make informed decisions on green gas certificates and assist us in achieve our Net Zero Strategy. As this is an emerging market, we welcome continuous improvement and innovation throughout the agreement period.

Access to a detailed reporting system is essential for this lot.

### **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: £22,000,000

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Any agreement awarded would be for an initial duration of 4 years, with options to extend up to a maximum overall term of 8 years.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **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

As detailed in Section VI.3 of this notice and the PQQ

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

Bonds and/or Parent Company Guarantees of performance and financial standing may be required.

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

Specified in the Invitation to Negotiate documents (ITN)

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

Consortia may be required to form a legal entity prior to award



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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 2

#### **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.1.8) 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**

Originally published as:

Date

5 September 2022

Local time

12:00pm

Changed to:

Date

12 September 2022

Local time

12:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

**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: 9 (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: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Between 4 and 8 years.

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

All suppliers who wish to respond to this notice must request a pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) by using the link in Section I.3 of this notice, i.e.

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/procurement>

All bidders will receive an email from [procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk](mailto:procurement.supportcentre@thameswater.co.uk) containing their log on details into our Smartsource Portal in order to access the PQQ documents.

If the project requires it you will receive an additional and separate survey to complete for Data Protection.

Note that your client may be Thames Water Utilities Ltd or another company within the Kemble Water group structure.

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

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

Thames Water Utilities

Reading

RG1 8DB

Country

United Kingdom

### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Thames Water Utilities Ltd will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Thames Water Utilities

Reading

Country

United Kingdom