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Planning

National Gas Enterprise Networks Enduring

NATIONAL GAS TRANSMISSION PLC

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

NATIONAL GAS TRANSMISSION PLC

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Contact

National Gas Transmission Procurement

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKG13 - Warwickshire

Companies House

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.nationalgas.com/>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Utilities

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

National Gas Enterprise Networks Enduring

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

National Gas is seeking to engage with the market to explore opportunities to procure UK-based services for the provision of a network management and support partner for its enterprise network including LAN / WAN / remote sites / WiFi provision. As part of its separation from National Grid, National Gas has engaged its incumbent network partner to separate its existing network from that of National Grid - this includes the physical and logical separation of LAN / WAN / WiFi and the supporting management services (e.g. NOC, monitoring software, etc).

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72315000 - Data network management and support services
- 72511000 - Network management software services
- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

The services will be primarily performed at National Gas HQ in Warwick and suppliers will need to make provisions to offer the services at additional National Gas sites across the UK mainland (c.40 sites) excluding Northern Ireland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

National Gas is undertaking Early Market Engagement (EME) to validate its indicative strategy to procure a UK-based service (excluding Northern Ireland) which will deliver a "walk in take-over" of a newly built enterprise network which provides connectivity to National Gas HQ and satellite sites. It is envisaged that this may encompass the support and maintenance of WAN, LAN and WiFi, including hardware and software maintenance, network monitoring (NOC) and control (though not CSOC which is provided by National Gas) and incident management (to be managed through National Gas Service Management service desk - that is currently being procured through a separate procurement activity).

Staff involved in the delivery of the services will require appropriate security clearance - it is currently envisaged that this will be United Kingdom Security Vetting - Security Check (SC).

It should be noted that National Gas are considering retaining ownership and governance of the Enterprise Network. The indicative requirement is for a partner to provide the ongoing management and maintenance of the hardware and software and to ensure the Enterprise Network is appropriately monitored and to resolve issues as they arise - this is subject to validation through early market engagement.

II.2.14) Additional information

National Gas envisages launching a formal procurement process in due course and requires no active engagement from prospective partners at this stage. National Gas will be running a supplier event (indicatively in Q3 of calendar year 2023) to provide further information and undertake some Early Market Engagement (EME) to solicit feedback from the market on indicative procurement strategies for this requirement. This EME activity will likely include 1-2-1 sessions with interested suppliers to discuss and validate procurement options, along with potential written submissions in response to questions posed by National Gas. Should you wish to register an email address for attendance at such an event (likely virtual) please send the details of your interested party to the following address.

Procurement Lead: Ben Farn

Contact Details: ben.farn@nationalgas.com

All communications and queries arising from this PIN should be conducted on email through the Procurement Representative detailed above. Please ensure all emails on this notice include the following in the subject box:

National Gas Enterprise Network Enduring Sourcing (expression of interest)

Any queries must be submitted no later than 18:00 hrs (UK time) 8th September 2023 for this PIN and expressions of interest to participate in early market engagement. Please note, your decision to participate or otherwise in this early market engagement does not preclude your later participation in the next phase of the process.

National Gas shall not be responsible for or pay for any costs or expenses that may be incurred by the supplier in the preparation and submission of a response to this event.

The submission deadline for you to register your 'expression of interest' in the Early Market Engagement call for Q3 of calendar year 2023 is 18:00 hrs (UK time) 8th September 2023.

Your expression of interest should be sent to the Procurement representative for this tender event, as follows: ben.farn@nationalgas.com

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

27 October 2023

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

8th September 2023

Local time

6:00pm