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Contract

**SONI021**

SONI Ltd

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-039b87

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## **Section I: Contracting entity**

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

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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.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

SONI021

Reference number

Demerger Consultants (SONI Led)

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Following a lengthy consultation period, the Utility Regulator in Northern Ireland issued a decision in August 2022 regarding SONI

Governance matters. This decision became effective within the SONI TSO Licence from 26 October 2022.

The Licence Modification requires significant changes to the SONI Ltd Board composition and the relationship between EirGrid plc (as

parent) and SONI Ltd (its subsidiary). They also require that the SONI TSO business be managerially and operationally separate from

EirGrid and any other company within the EirGrid Group with separate premises, IT and other systems, equipment, facilities, processes and

staff.

The Utility Regulator's Licence Modification requirements for independence at Board, Management and Operational levels in the SONI

business equates to a de-facto requirement to demerge the EirGrid and SONI businesses.

As a result, SONI is now seeking to appoint a consultancy business to design, manage and implement this demerger project.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

Main site or place of performance

Belfast

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

The Framework Agreement period will be for an initial duration of two years with the option to extend annually for up to an additional

three years, subject always to the satisfactory performance of the supplier.

The demerger project will be run over two phases:

- (i) the initial scope, design and cost of the demerger project
- (ii) the implementation of the demerger project.

It is envisaged that the majority of the contracting requirements will be delivered at SONI's offices in Belfast.

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

Quality criterion - Name: as per procurement documents / Weighting: 100

Price - Weighting: 0

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

As this is a framework, the need of the required services may increase or decrease over the term.

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The estimated value of 2 million GBP is inclusive of the entire duration.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2023/S 000-002648](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: No

### **V.1) Information on non-award**

The contract/lot is not awarded

No tenders or requests to participate were received or all were rejected

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### 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.

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

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

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