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Tender

## **Call for projects under the Vulnerability and Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA)**

Wales And West Utilities

F04: Periodic indicative notice – utilities

Call for competition

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The closing date and time has been changed to:

**23 August 2024, 5:00pm**

See the [change notice](#).

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

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

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://sourcing4wwu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://sourcing4wwu.bravosolution.co.uk/web/login.html>

**I.6) Main activity**

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Call for projects under the Vulnerability and Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA)

Reference number

WWU1337

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

- 75300000 - Compulsory social security services

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

Services

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

Wales and West Utilities (WWU) are looking to partner with organisations who can support us in identifying homes in or at risk of fuel poverty and offering services that make energy more affordable and ensure homes are able to keep the heating and cooking on, keeping them safe and warm during the cost-of-living crisis.

This scope is focussed on spending up to 75% of the £16m available. The remaining 25% will be spent on collaborative events with the other Gas Distribution Networks. Therefore, this tender will award a maximum of £12m on projects that will benefit individuals that meet WWU's requirements. The notice for the remaining 25% (minimum) which will be awarded via collaborative events with the other Gas Distribution Networks (GDN's) is titled "Call for Collaborative Projects under the Vulnerability and Carbon Monoxide Allowance (VCMA) - Collaborative events with all Gas Distribution Networks (GDNs)" and can also be found via Find a Tender.

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Through this tender we are looking to formally partner with multiple organisations who can support us in meeting our Business Plan targets and commitments

(See:

<https://www.wwutilities.co.uk/services/safe-warm/vulnerability-and-carbon-monoxide-allowance/>).

Organisations must be able to demonstrate a track record of administering these types of services for customers, and either have direct access to funds to support the funding of energy efficiency measures or indirect access through their own partnerships.

### Expression of Interest

Participants wanting to participate in this sourcing activity must confirm their expression of interest and ability to provide the service required by e-mailing:

[Rebecca.Crisp@wwutilities.co.uk](mailto:Rebecca.Crisp@wwutilities.co.uk)

Please include the following information in your email:

- 1) Full company name;
- 2) Main contact details (name, job title, email address, and telephone numbers).

Please note the tender will be run via our procurement portal Bravo which requires suppliers to be registered to participate, failure to register will result in the supplier not being able to participate in the sourcing event. You can register for Bravo here -

[sourcing4www.bravosolution.co.uk](https://sourcing4www.bravosolution.co.uk). In your expression of interest, please also include -

- 3) Bravo registered email address and contact name.

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

Value excluding VAT: £12,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

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WWU intend to partner with multiple organisations who could provide a variety of services which meet the requirements set out by Ofgem. As part of this procurement activity, we are inviting bids for some of the funding and expect to partner with multiple organisations.

## **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: £12,000,000

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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: No

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

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for the receipt of applications for an invitation to tender or to negotiate**

Originally published as:

Date

25 September 2023

Local time

5:00pm

Changed to:

Date

23 August 2024

Local time

5:00pm

See the [change notice](#).

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This PIN notice will be live for up to 12 months. The first review of proposals will be started one month after the launch date of the PIN notice. Thereafter, it will be reviewed every 3 months.

WWU intend to spend the funding across multiple organisations, and a range of projects which will meet the needs of different vulnerable customers, in different geographies across our network.

The pot of money is finite, and once it's gone it's gone. WWU cannot guarantee money will be available after the first month's review if a high number of suitable projects are received. If this is the case the notice will be withdrawn

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

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

Wales & West Utilities

Newport

Country

United Kingdom