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## **DfE - Renewable Electricity Team - Renewable Electricity Support Scheme Design**

DfE: The Renewable Electricity Team RET

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

DfE: The Renewable Electricity Team RET

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#### **Contact**

SSDAdmin.CPDfinance-ni.gov.uk

#### **Email**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

## **I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

## **I.3) Communication**

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

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

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## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

DfE - Renewable Electricity Team - Renewable Electricity Support Scheme Design

Reference number

ID 4917719

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

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

Services

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

DfE - Renewable Electricity Team wishes to appoint a “Contractor” who will be responsible for delivering the three key outcomes set out in the specification in order to support DfE in meeting its Energy Strategy Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 ambitions. The 3 outcomes include developing a high-level support scheme design, Conducting quantitative modelling exercises and a financial impact assessment. It is anticipated this contract will commence early October 2023 and initially run for 12 months. The Accelerated Open Procedure has been chosen as there is an urgent requirement for the service to be set up. The Executive’s new Energy Strategy - Path to Net Zero Energy was published in December 2021, followed by the Energy Strategy Action Plan in March 2023. Action point 7 of the plan commits the Department for the Economy to publishing the final design of renewable electricity support by the end of the year, along with a pathway and timeline for the support being in place. Delivery of the support scheme design for Northern Ireland cannot occur without a solid evidence base to support policy decisions. There is therefore a need for timely and relevant expert advice in order to shape an incentive scheme to meet current and anticipated levels of demand in Northern Ireland in this new decade and beyond. In order to meet the target set by the 2023 Energy Strategy Action Plan the Renewable Electricity Team requires urgent consultancy support to be completed by early December 2023 at the latest.

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

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 73220000 - Development consultancy services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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

Quality criterion - Name: Outcome 1: Develop the high-level support scheme design /  
Weighting: 17.5

Quality criterion - Name: Outcome 2: Modelling / Weighting: 11.2

Quality criterion - Name: Outcome 3 Financial Impact Assessment / Weighting: 11.2

Quality criterion - Name: Key Personnel Experience / Weighting: 11.2

Quality criterion - Name: Contract Management / Weighting: 8.4

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value: Supporting Health & Wellbeing / Weighting: 10.5

Cost criterion - Name: Total Contract Price / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

Duration in months

12

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

A contract extension for a further 6-month period may be applicable as a contingency measure, in order to address unforeseen delays or to allow the Contractor to address comments by the Client on any of the draft deliverables. During the course of the contract,

should additional work within the core scope of this tender specification be identified, the 6-month contract extension may also be used to allow for such work to be conducted.

### **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 Accelerated Open Procedure has been chosen as there is an urgent requirement for the service to be set up. The Executive's new Energy Strategy - Path to Net Zero Energy was published in December 2021, followed by the Energy Strategy Action Plan in March 2023. Action point 7 of the plan commits the Department for the Economy to publishing the final design of renewable electricity support by the end of the year, along with a pathway and timeline for the support being in place. Delivery of the support scheme design for Northern Ireland cannot occur without a solid evidence base to support policy decisions. There is therefore a need for timely and relevant expert advice in order to shape an incentive scheme to meet current and anticipated levels of demand in Northern Ireland in this new decade and beyond. In order to meet the target set by the 2023 Energy Strategy Action Plan the Renewable Electricity Team requires urgent consultancy support to be completed by December 2023 at the latest.

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

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

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

As detailed in the tender documents

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

As detailed in the tender documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

As detailed in the tender documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

As detailed in the tender documents.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

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#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

27 September 2023

Local time

3:00pm

#### **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**

Tender must be valid until: 26 December 2023

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

27 September 2023

Local time

3:30pm



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

The successful contractor's performance on the contract will be regularly monitored. Contractors not delivering.. On contract requirements is a serious matter. It means the public purse is not getting what it is paying for. If a contractor fails to reach.. Satisfactory levels of contract performance they will be given a specified time to improve. If, after the specified time, they still fail to reach.. Satisfactory levels of contract performance, the matter will be escalated to senior management in CPD for further action. If this occurs.. And their performance still does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, it may be regarded as an act of grave.. Professional misconduct and they may be issued with a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance and the contract may be terminated.. The issue of a Certificate of Unsatisfactory Performance will result in the contractor being excluded from all procurement competitions.. Being undertaken by Centres of Procurement Expertise on behalf of bodies covered by the Northern Ireland Procurement Policy for a.. Period of twelve months from the date of issue of the certificate.

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

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

The UK does not have any such bodies with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures. Instead; any challenges are dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the PCR 2015 as amended

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

CPD will comply with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended). and, where appropriate, will incorporate a standstill period (i.e. a minimum of 10 calendar days) at the

point information on the award. Of contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. This provides time for the. Unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.