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Tender

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

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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>

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

General public services

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.

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.

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

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.