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Planning

Voltage Detector Project

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Voltage Detector Project

Reference number

C407 (2023)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 31212200 - Circuit testers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NIE Networks is the electricity Distribution Network Operator(DNO) and transmission network owner in Northern Ireland. NIE Networks have a requirement for the provision of a Voltage discrimination device capable of distinguishing between High Voltage and Low Voltage Paper Insulated Lead Covered (PILC) underground cables. The device must clearly identify to the operator that the cable to be worked is live at Low Voltage or is live at High Voltage or indication that identification of voltage is not possible. It is preferable that this is achieved without opening any part of the cable. NIE Networks' underground cable network where the voltage discrimination is required operates between 240V and 11,000V. The voltage discrimination by the device must be able to be carried out at the point in which the cable is to be worked on. The device must be capable of determining

the voltage of the PILC cable at that point of work.

NIE Networks would like to invite vendors with relevant products or specialist knowledge to participate in an online supplier meeting on 12th October 2023 relating to these requirements.

At this session NIE Networks will outline an overview of the requirements, gain feedback on particular elements from the audience and consider various technical options. The feedback gained may be used to add to the procurement strategy.

Suppliers should register their interest via eSourcingNI by Thursday 28th September providing the name(s) of who will attend. NIE Networks may shortlist attendees on the basis of direct relevant experience.

Please note a separate Call for Competition in form of a FTS Contract Notice will be published on eSourcingNI. Any interested parties will still be required to apply separately when launched & expressing an interest in the market engagement shall in no way be accepted as registering an interest.

Additionally, expressing an interest in the market engagement will not be a prerequisite in relation to the future tender competition.

Please note this is not a Call for Competition.

NIE Networks will be restricting the number of attendees to no more than two (2) representatives from your organisation who can attend the session.

Project C407 (2023) has been created on eSourcingNI where parties can register their interest to attend the session.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 31642000 - Electronic detection apparatus

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks have a requirement for the provision of a device capable of discriminating between High Voltage and Low Voltage Paper Insulated Lead Covered (PILC) underground cables and providing indication the status of the cable to be either Live at Low Voltage, Live at High Voltage or indication that identification is not possible.

Key functional requirement areas may include, for example:

- Voltage detection
- Electronics design
- Mechanical design

The procurement of the Voltage Detection Tool may be launched under a separate process. Please note a separate Call for Competition in form of Contract Notice will be published on eSourcingNI. Any interested parties will still be required to apply separately when launched & expressing an interest in the market engagement shall in no way be accepted as registering an interest. Additionally, expressing an interest in the market engagement will not be a prerequisite in relation to the future tender competition. Please note this is not a Call for Competition.

In order to maintain a suitable list of suppliers please also provide a short description of your experience in this area. NIE Networks may shortlist attendees on the basis of direct relevant experience only. In addition in the event of the required being oversubscribed NIE Networks may restrict the total number of attendees to the first 10 suppliers who demonstrate direct relevant experience

II.2.14) Additional information

Project C407 (2023) has been created on eSourcingNI; where parties can register their interest to attend the session. The ONLY way to register is via the secure messaging function in the project, by providing no more than two names of representatives from your organisation who will attend and a brief description of your organisations direct relevant experience.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 February 2024

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: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The ONLY way to register your interest to attend the briefing session is via the secure messaging function in the project on eSourcingNI. The closing date & time to register is 3pm, on Thursday 28th September 2023.

An agenda will be issued to invited suppliers once the date of registration has closed.