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Tender

Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Supply of Solar Panels

Scottish Water

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Country

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Region code

UKM - Scotland

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

I.3) Communication

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

https://atamis-scottishwater.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend__CS_PublicLandingPage?SearchType=Projects

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://atamis-scottishwater.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend__CS_PublicLandingPage?SearchType=Projects

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) for Supply of Solar Panels

Reference number

SW24/REN/1475

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09331000 - Solar panels

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Scottish Water is looking to engage with potential Suppliers of Solar Panels through the use of a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). This process will include Suppliers evidencing the minimum requirements which is set out within the tender documentation to be successfully admitted to the DPS. This DPS will support the sourcing of a supply chain for solar panels which are aligned to Scottish Waters strategic objectives.

This includes the verification and review of the names and location of the proposed supply chain down to raw material level, due diligence conducted on the supply chain and traceability and segregation protocols to ensure the ethical sourcing of the proposed Solar Panels.

This purchase of the solar panels may be completed by either Scottish Water, Scottish Water Horizons, or approved Framework suppliers.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09331200 - Solar photovoltaic modules

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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Scottish Water Horizons have committed to deliver 90GWh of new renewable energy generation projects across all aspects of the SW estate, employing a variety of established and emerging technologies and are seeking companies to deliver the schemes.

This programme will be delivered over an estimated 10 year period with installations varying from small-scale 25 - 50kW installs to large projects normally not greater than 5MW, although in certain circumstances some projects may exceed 5MW these however will be the exception.

Some projects will require innovative technologies that are not yet fully developed.

Scottish Water currently has a Framework for the supply, design, and installation of renewable power generation assets. This Framework agreement currently has four suppliers who have been working with Scottish Water Horizons since 2021. However, due to the concerns of the sourcing of the solar panels under this agreement there has been a suspension of projects until the ethical sourcing can be found.

This DPS will support the sourcing of a supply chain for solar panels which are aligned to Scottish Waters strategic objectives. This purchase of the solar panels may be completed by either Scottish Water, Scottish Water Horizons, or approved Framework suppliers.

Background on Scottish Waters position on Ethical Sourcing of Solar Panels

In August 2023, the Scottish Water Board of Directors made the decision to pause all

solar projects which had not reached Gate 70 (investment approval stage) due to concerns regarding forced labour within the supply chain of these products, namely the usage of forced labour in Xinjiang to produce the raw materials for the panels.

Since then, the Procurement and Supply Chain (PSC) function have continued a due diligence exercise to try and source an ethically clean supply chain and to gain a deeper understanding of any legislative and industry changes which could lead to clean supply routes opening in the future. This includes the verification and review of the names and location of the proposed supply chain down to raw material level, due diligence conducted on the supply chain and traceability and segregation protocols.

The particular SW Specifications that apply to this DPS Agreement is provided within the tender pack on the SW e-Sourcing system.

Suppliers can apply to join the SW DPS at any time during its lifetime.

There are no limitations to the numbers of Suppliers who will successfully admitted to the DPS.

All Suppliers who have been successfully admitted to this DPS will be invited to tender for further competitions under this agreement as and when required.

SW will use a 'Level' grading to select Suppliers to be appointed on to the DPS. Each 'Level' has a threshold which must be achieved to enable the Potential Supplier to pass to the next evaluation stage. Full details of the grading system are fully described within the tender documentation.

The forecasted value of the DPS is an estimated based on the programme of work which is supplied in the tender documentation. However, there is no guarantee to the volume or value of projects derived from this DPS.

This DPS does not constitute a commitment to award any work or services whatsoever to the appoint Supplier(s).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

This is a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). While the duration states 96 months, Scottish Water reserves the right to review and amend the duration of the DPS during its lifecycle. Therefore, Scottish Water may close the DPS before this period, or extend beyond the 96 months.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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

Applicants will be expected to be of sufficient financial and economic standing to support the anticipated contract value. All applicants must complete the financial questions within the pre-qualification questionnaire and tender documents. Financial standing relevant to the anticipated contract value will be determined by Scottish Water based on the response to the pre-qualification questionnaire and any further financial checks deemed necessary.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

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

31 August 2032

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

You can view the opportunity here https://atamis-scottishwater.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend__CS_PublicLandingPage?SearchType=Projects

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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