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## **Provision of SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Services - Lot 1 - Re-issue**

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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

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

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BT9 5HT

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

## **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.nienetworks.co.uk](http://www.nienetworks.co.uk)

## **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://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Provision of SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Services - Lot 1 - Re-issue

Reference number

CA290

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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

Services

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

NIE Networks has been operating on SAP products since 1999 when SAP ECC was implemented. In 2012 the company made a strategic investment by implementing the utility application SAP IS-U, further adding to the utilisation of SAP products and establishing a core technology platform on NIE Networks IT estate.

The continued stability of NIE Networks day to day operations and customer services relies on a range of IT applications and infrastructure. A central part of the IT estate is the series of SAP applications that forms a fundamental element in supporting the core NIE Networks business and market processes. Multiple internal non-SAP applications and external partner systems are integrated with the SAP system estate, working together to provide end to end business capabilities and overall compliance with Regulatory, Market and Statutory obligations.

From the end of 2027, the current version of SAP ERP transitions to extended vendor support arrangements and will be out of full support by the end of 2030.

NIE Networks Ltd plans to upgrade to SAP S/4 HANA to ensure interoperability with current systems be maintained and to fully leverage new technologies and functionalities on an established platform, thus maintaining a stable and secure system within the company's IT estate.

The upgrade to S/4 HANA is expected to be delivered across two key stages. To support the first stage (Stage 1) NIE Networks has a requirement to engage professional services across two lots, to support the completion of a planning and discovery phase which will result in the appointment of a System Integrator to deliver the second stage (Stage 2) of the project.

It is intended that the Contracting Entity will, subject to a sufficient number of compliant responses being received, enter into Framework Agreement with 1 Economic Operator for Lot 1 - Professional Services to Support the Procurement on an ERP System Integrator.

This notice relates to Lot 1 only, Lot 2 is currently an active procurement.

The Contracting Entity estimates that the total spend under the Framework Agreement, based on current requirements, is anticipated to be between £0.6 million and £1.1 million for Lot 1.

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,100,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for one lot only

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 1

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Professional Services to Support the Procurement of an ERP System Integrator

Lot No

1

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

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services

- 72212442 - Financial systems software development services
- 72212451 - Enterprise resource planning software development services
- 72212490 - Procurement software development services
- 72212517 - IT software development services
- 72212700 - Software development services utilities
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72221000 - Business analysis consultancy services
- 72224000 - Project management consultancy services
- 72224100 - System implementation planning services
- 72224200 - System quality assurance planning services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services
- 79000000 - Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

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

To appoint professional services to support the procurement of an ERP System Integrator. The requirement is to undertake and complete the SAP S/4 HANA procurement requirements definition, strategy and scope. In addition, support the selection process, enabling the successful appointment of an SAP System Integrator and subsequent contract award for Stage 2 as outlined within the specification.

The successful Economic Operator appointed for this Lot will be required to project manage the overall delivery of activities in Stage 1 which includes working closely with the successful Economic Operator appointed to CA290 Lot 2 and NIE Networks project team.

### **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: £1,100,000

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

Duration in months

72

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

The Framework Agreement will be for a period of two (2) years with an option, exercisable entirely at the discretion of the Contracting Entity and subject to the terms of the Framework Agreement, to extend by a further optional period of up to four (4) years, with a total

potential duration of six (6) years

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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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 specified within the PQQ and/or tender documents available from the address specified with the reference project CA290 SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Services Lot 1

#### **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

#### **III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria

As specified within the PQQ and/or tender documents available from the address specified with the reference project CA290 SAP ERP Procurement and Discovery Services Lot 1

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

#### **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

24 October 2023

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

17 November 2023

#### **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**

Duration in months: 6 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

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

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Ltd

120 Malone Road

Belfast

BT9 5HT

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Ltd

120 Malone Road

Belfast

BT9 5HT

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3 JY

Country

United Kingdom