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## **DfE - NI electricity interconnection and energy storage modelling and assessment**

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F02: Contract notice

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

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

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

The contract involves 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>

#### **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 - NI electricity interconnection and energy storage modelling and assessment

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

- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services

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

Services

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

DfE - NI electricity interconnection and energy storage modelling and assessment The Northern Ireland Executive adopted the Energy Strategy for Northern Ireland in December 2021. The vision of the Strategy sets out how Northern Ireland will achieve net zero carbon and affordable energy, in line with UK Government commitments, by 2050. The Energy Strategy identified a target of 70 percent of electricity consumption to be from a diverse mix of renewable sources by 2030. This target has since increased to 80 percent through the Climate Change Act (Northern Ireland) 2022. In March 2024 the Department for the Economy (DfE) published the Energy Strategy Action Plan for 2024 which outlines some of the key actions being delivered as part of the Executive's Energy Strategy - The Path to Net Zero Energy. One of the identified Actions (no.14) states, 'DfE will commission research into the costs and benefits to the NI Consumer for different Interconnection scenarios, multiple Energy Storage options and the 80 percent Renewable Electricity target up to 2030 and beyond'. This project relates to the commissioning of research and modelling associated with the delivery of this agreed Action.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.2) Description****II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314000 - Energy and related 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: As per tender documents / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: As per tender documents / Weighting: 30

**II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £140,000

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

Duration in months

6

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: No

**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 values are estimates of the requirements and no level of business is guaranteed.

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

**III.1) Conditions for participation**

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

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **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

28 October 2024

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 January 2025

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

Date

28 October 2024

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 Construction Procurement Delivery Supplies and Services Division. for. further action. If this occurs and the Contractors performance does not improve to satisfactory levels within the specified period, this. can. be considered grounds for termination of the contract at the Contractors expense as provided for in the Conditions of Contract. In. lieu. of termination, CPD may issue a Notice of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance. A supplier in receipt of multiple.. Notices of Written Warning or a Notice of Unsatisfactory Performance may in accordance with The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as.. amended) be excluded from future public procurement competitions for a period of up to three years.

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

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

Not applicable in the UK

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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.



