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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

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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with the delivery of this agreed Action.

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.

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

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

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

Not applicable in the UK

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.