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Tender

Single Electricity Market Committee Legal Services

Utility Regulator

Commission for Regulation of Utilities

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.1) Name and addresses

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

In the case of joint procurement involving different countries, state applicable national procurement law

Ireland

I.3) Communication

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

<https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/PublicPurchase/203669>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/PublicPurchase/203669/0/0?returnUrl=&b=ETENDERS_SIMPLE

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

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

General public services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Single Electricity Market Committee Legal Services

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79100000 - Legal services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The CRU is Ireland's independent energy and water regulator. The CRU's mission is to protect the public interest in Water, Energy and Energy Safety. The work of the CRU impacts every Irish home and business. The sectors we regulate underpin Irish economic competitiveness, investment and growth, while also contribute to our international obligations to address climate change.

NIAUR is a Non-Ministerial Government Department. It was established originally as the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation, under the Energy (Northern Ireland) Order 2003 (the Energy Order), to independently regulate both the electricity and gas industries. The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 changed the name of the Northern Ireland Authority for Energy Regulation to the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation, and imposed on it additional duties and functions associated with the regulation of supply of water by water undertakers and the provision of sewerage by sewerage undertakers.

CRU and NIAUR (collectively the Regulatory Authorities ("RAs")) jointly regulate the Single Electricity Market (SEM) through the SEM Committee (SEMC). The SEMC was established by virtue of Section 8A Electricity Regulation Act 1999 as inserted by section 4 of the Electricity Regulation (Amendment) Act 2007, and Article 6 (1) of the Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 to conduct trading in the wholesale electricity market in both Ireland and Northern Ireland on an All-Island basis. The forgoing legislation sets out the duties and powers of the SEMC. Both sets of legislation seek to achieve similar objectives for the SEM. Further information on the SEMC's role and relevant legislation can be found on website, www.semcommittee.com

The RAs invite Tenders for the provision of appropriate legal services across a wide range of specialist areas relevant to the SEMC.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 670,000 EUR

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland
- IE - Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Belfast and Dublin though the majority of the services required can be delivered remotely with only occasional requirements (subject to any travel restrictions in place at the time) for attendance in person at these or other locations.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The CRU and UR (collectively the Regulatory Authorities ("RAs")) jointly regulate the SEM through the SEMC. The SEMC was established by virtue of Section 8A Electricity Regulation Act 1999 as inserted by section 4 of the Electricity Regulation (Amendment) Act 2007, and Article 6 (1) of the Electricity (Single Wholesale Market) (Northern Ireland) Order 2007 to conduct trading in the wholesale electricity market in both Ireland and Northern Ireland on an All-Island basis. The forgoing legislation sets out the duties and powers of the SEMC. Both sets of legislation endeavour to achieve similar objectives for the SEM. The SEMC is representative of the RAs and makes decision on relevant functions on behalf of the RAs in relation to a SEM matters.

Further information on the SEMC's role and relevant legislation can be found on website, www.semcommittee.com

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: 670,000 EUR

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The Contracting Authorities will have the right under any Services Contract to extend the Term for a period or periods of up to a total of 12 Months on the same terms and conditions, subject to the Contracting Authorities' obligations at law.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract will be awarded for a term of thirty-six (36) months with the option to extend for a further twelve (12) month period with a maximum of one (1) such extension.

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

List and brief description of conditions: As stated in procurement documents available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie using RFT ID204304.

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

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

14 January 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 January 2022

Local time

1:00pm

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

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