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## **Firmus Energy Construction and Maintenance Works and Services Contract**

Firmus Energy (Distribution) Limited

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

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

Firmus Energy (Distribution) Limited

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BT414LZ

#### **Email**

[RFI@firmusenergy.co.uk](mailto:RFI@firmusenergy.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN0D - Antrim and Newtownabbey

## **Companies House**

05375370

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

## **I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

## **I.6) Main activity**

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Firmus Energy Construction and Maintenance Works and Services Contract

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

- 45231221 - Gas supply mains construction work

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

Works

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

firmus Energy (Distribution) Limited (firmus) is conducting a preliminary market engagement exercise, prior to commencing a competitive tender process to identify a successful bidder to undertake a contract for construction, maintenance, emergency response and siteworks activities to build and extend the existing gas network for its gas distribution business.

firmus is seeking the views of interested parties that may wish to participate in the forthcoming tender process, in relation to certain aspects of the project.

The purpose of this periodic indicative notice and associated Request for Information (RFI) (available on request from [RFI@firmusenergy.co.uk](mailto:RFI@firmusenergy.co.uk)) is to invite interested parties to express and register their interest in the forthcoming opportunity and provide information to assist with firmus' consideration of the options available and preparation of the tender process.

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

Value excluding VAT: £85,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 44100000 - Construction materials and associated items
- 45231100 - General construction work for pipelines
- 45231110 - Pipelaying construction work
- 45231111 - Pipeline lifting and relaying
- 45231112 - Installation of pipe system
- 45231220 - Construction work for gas pipelines
- 45231221 - Gas supply mains construction work
- 45231223 - Gas distribution ancillary work
- 45333100 - Gas regulation equipment installation work

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

NUTS codes

- UKN0 - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

- Derry/Londonderry

- Limavady

- Coleraine
- Ballymoney
- Ballymena
- Antrim
- Craigavon (including Lurgan and Portadown)
- Armagh
- Banbridge
- Newry

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

firmus will shortly be undertaking a competitive tender process to identify a successful bidder to undertake a contract for construction, maintenance, emergency response and siteworks activities to build and extend the existing gas network for its gas distribution business (as detailed further below (works)).

It is currently anticipated that:

- any contract awarded will have a potential 5 year duration (comprising an initial contract period of 3 years, with the ability for firmus to renew the contract at its discretion and subject to satisfactory performance by the successful party in accordance with the terms of the contract, for two subsequent 1 year periods).
- all works required will be awarded to a single contractor to complete in accordance with the terms of the contract. firmus shall however appoint a second "reserve" contractor who may, at firmus' discretion, be appointed to undertake the entirety of the works in the event that the successful contractor is unable or unwilling to undertake the works for any reason during the term of the contract.
- estimated annual contract value will be circa £16-17million (total potential contract value of £85million over the full potential 5 year contract period).
- any contract awarded will require the following:  
  
gas distribution network construction services;  
  
gas distribution network maintenance services;

emergency response construction and maintenance services;

sitework services including meter replacement; and

material purchasing, logistics and administration of all engineering materials necessary for gas network construction and maintenance services.

The successful bidder(s) will be required to provide the following:

- retention amount of up to 15% of the amount due per month until a maximum amount of £800,000 is accumulated into a retention fund; and

key performance indicators (KPIs) with financial reward for exceeding KPI target and financial penalty should the successful bidder(s) fail to meet the KPI target.

Interim instalments of the price will be payable monthly, with each interim instalment consisting of the value according to the pricing document of the part(s) of the work properly executed less: previous payments, deduction and retention where appropriate.

The competitive tender process will be conducted on the basis of commercial (50%) and quality (50%) assessment, with quality being evaluated on the basis of safety, technical and environmental aspects.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

24 November 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **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 expressions of interest**

Date

6 November 2023

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

firmus welcomes participation in the pre-market engagement exercise by all interested parties. Interested parties should confirm their interest and request a copy of the RFI (which contains further information regarding the opportunity and pre-market engagement questions that firmus is seeking market feedback on) by emailing [RFI@firmusenergy.co.uk](mailto:RFI@firmusenergy.co.uk). All RFI responses should be returned to [RFI@firmusenergy.co.uk](mailto:RFI@firmusenergy.co.uk) by 5pm on 6 November 2023. Interested parties will not be prejudiced by any response/failure to respond to this PIN or the RFI. Information made available as part of this market engagement process will be made available to all bidders who express an interest in any resulting tender process.