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Opportunity

Distribution Contrcat (05)

Phoenix Natural Gas Ltd.

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.phoenixnaturalgas.com

Buyer's address

www.phoenixnaturalgas.com

I.3) Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained 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

I.6) Main activity

Production, transport and distribution of gas and heat

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Distribution Contrcat (05)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45231220 - Construction work for gas pipelines

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

Phoenix Natural Gas continue to develop their natural gas distribution network throughout the east of Northern Ireland and are currently in the final year of an existing Contract which was let for Works associated with an overall Engineer, Procure & Construct (EPC) service. The Works currently undertaken will continue to be developed in the future - hence the requirement for a Distribution Contract to continue on after the expiry of the current Agreement in July 2023. The succeeding Works Contract for the EPC service will be entitled Distribution Contract (05) - otherwise referred to as DC (05). The term of DC(05) is eight years i.e. from July '23 - July '31. The Works over this 8 year period are estimated to consist of 350,000 metres of polyethylene gas mains and 50,000 connections to individual properties (domestic & commercial).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £90,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45231220 - Construction work for gas pipelines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland - eastern region.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As stated elsewhere in this Contrcat Notice and PQQ.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Maximum number: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The relevant criteria is stated in the Pre-qualification Questionnaire.

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

Organisations wishing to participate in the tender process must first complete and submit (before the due date) the relevant Pre-qualification Questionnaire, the purpose of which will be to establish the relevant experience of the Applicant Party in relation to the required Works to be completed. No more than the six top scoring Applicants will be invited to proceed to the tender stage.

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

No more than the top six scoring Applicants that demonstrate the most appropriate and relevant experience in relation to the Works required shall be invited to proceed to the tender stage. However, the number invited to tender may be less than six should a minimum score level not be exceeded.. Further details of this stage of the tender process are contained within the PQQ document.

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria

As stated in the tender documentation.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

The Applicant must be able to demonstrate an annual turnover in excess of £100 million (or equivalent) in each of the 3 years stated for which accounts are submitted..

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria

As stated in the tender documentation.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Relevant technical and commercial experience.

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

As stated in the tender documentation.

III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required

Not applicable.

III.1.7) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

As stated in the tender documentation.

III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

As stated in the tender documentation.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

As stated in the tender documentation.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

2 December 2022

Local time

12:00pm

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

6 January 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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

A draft version of the Invitation to Tender document is made available to all interested Parties through the eSourcingNI web-site for reference purposes only. There should be no attempt to complete this until invited to do so. The purpose of making this available, in draft form, is to further inform those potential Applicants about the nature of the Works to be completed and the conditions under which they require to be delivered.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JF

Email

office@courtsni.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Phoenix will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of contract is communicated to all participating entities. The standstill period provides time for unsuccessful participating entities to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (as amended) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (Northern Ireland).