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Future opportunity

C1110 Customer Billing and Contact (CBC) Renewal and Implementation Programme

NI Water and its subsidiaries

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NI Water and its subsidiaries

Westland House

Belfast

BT14 6TE

Email

sourcing@niwater.com

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

Buyer's address

<https://etendersni.gov.uk/epps>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://etendersni.gov.uk>

I.6) Main activity

Water

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

C1110 Customer Billing and Contact (CBC) Renewal and Implementation Programme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

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Procurement commencement (which is subject to business case approval) is planned for February 2022.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £55,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 65100000 - Water distribution and related services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

40 Old Westland Road Belfast BT14 6TE

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.14) Additional information

Anticipated duration initial term 7 years with potential extensions of 2 years and a further 1 year.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

7 February 2022

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

4 February 2022

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Anticipated initial term 7 years with option to extend for 2 years plus 1 additional year.