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Planning

Global Enterprise Networks Programme

NATIONAL GRID UK LIMITED
NATIONAL GRID USA SERVICE COMPANY, INC.
National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited

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Section I: Contracting entity

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Justification for not providing organisation identifier

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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

UK Procurement UCR 2016 will apply

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Global Enterprise Networks Programme

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 32400000 - Networks

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

for provision of Enterprise Network services across 5 Lots:

- 1) UK Only including Tier 1 Field Support, Hardware/Software Maintenance & Support, and Project Services
- 2) US Only including Tier 1 Field Support, Hardware/Software Maintenance & Support, and Project Services
- 3) UK Only Network Transport & Connectivity
- 4) US Only Network Transport & Connectivity
- 5) STIG Hosting UK/US

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 118,000,000 USD

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

The full and final scope has yet to be fully approved; however, the lots will be split into the following components:

- 1) UK Only including Tier 1 Field Support, Hardware/Software Maintenance & Support, and Project Services
- 2) US Only including Tier 1 Field Support, Hardware/Software Maintenance & Support, and Project Services
- 3) UK Only Network Transport & Connectivity
- 4) US Only Network Transport & Connectivity
- 5) UK/US STIG Hosting

Any future contract award could either be for all components, or any combination of the above.

The estimated total contract value stated above is based upon 5 year term.

Please see further information in Section VI "Complementary Information"

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

UK Only Enterprise Network Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UK Only Enterprise Network Services, including:

- Tier 1 Field Support,
- Hardware/Software Maintenance & Support; and
- Project Services

Provision of all on-site and remote support for hardware and software related to the MPLS Transport Network, SD-WAN, network and security infrastructure, Internet and Cloud access.

This Lot also includes Field Support (UK only), hardware and infrastructure provision and maintenance.

Project Services UK to consist of:

Provision of labour resources to design and / or deliver network infrastructure services related to capital projects, with outcome-based deliverables.

For example, this could include Wifi/LAN/WAN/Network Security/Voice infrastructure type activities.

UVDB Codes to be registered on Achilles:

1.5.5 Network Equipment & Accessories

2.1.11 IT Network Services (LAN/WAN/SAN)

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

US Only Enterprise Network Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- US - United States

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

US Only Network Services, including:

- Tier 1 Field Support,
- Hardware/Software Maintenance & Support; and
- Project Services

Provision of all on-site and remote support for hardware and software related to the MPLS Transport Network, SD-WAN, network and security infrastructure, Internet and Cloud access.

This Lot includes Field Support (US only), hardware and infrastructure provision and maintenance.

Project Services US to consist of:

Provision of labour resources to design and / or deliver network infrastructure services related to capital projects, with outcome-based deliverables.

For example, this could include Wifi/LAN/WAN/Network Security/Voice infrastructure type activities.

UVDB Codes to be registered on Achilles:

1.5.5 Network Equipment & Accessories

2.1.11 IT Network Services (LAN/WAN/SAN)

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

UK Only Network Transport & Connectivity

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Provision of MPLS Transport Network, Internet and Cloud access, providing connectivity for National Grid sites/offices, data centres, Internet and Cloud.

UVDB Codes to be registered on Achilles:

2.1.11 IT Network Services (LAN/WAN/SAN)

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

US Only Network Transport & Connectivity

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- US - United States

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

US Only

Provision of MPLS Transport Network, Internet and Cloud access, providing connectivity for National Grid sites/offices, data centres, Internet and Cloud.

UVDB Codes to be registered on Achilles:

2.1.11 IT Network Services (LAN/WAN/SAN)

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Global STIG Hosting

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 72700000 - Computer network services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London
- US - United States

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Hosting of a Secure Telecommunications Internet Gateway (STIG) into locations (UK & US) designed to act as a single point of entry/exit for all traffic between National Grid and any third parties including remote access users, suppliers, customers and the public Internet.

UVDB Codes to be registered on Achilles:

2.1.12 Internet/Intranet/Services

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 December 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

30 November 2022

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

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

As at the date of this Periodic Indicative Notice, the UK Parliament is considering the passage of an Energy Bill (House of Lords Bill HL39, Session 2022-23) which, amongst other things, contemplates the establishment of an 'Independent System Operator and Planner' ('ISOP') (HL39, Part 4).

The National Grid group anticipates that, if the Energy Bill is enacted by Parliament, it may be required by law or regulation in due course to divest the entity known as National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited in connection with the establishment of the ISOP. Such a divestment may well be required during the term of service for one or more of the Lots set out above.

Accordingly, National Grid advises prospective tenderers that, depending upon whether & when the Energy Bill is enacted by Parliament, and in such a case when & how the ISOP is to be established:

- o Part or all of the UK components of the services comprising Lots 1, 3 & 5 (or any combination of them) may be contracted, not only by National Grid UK Limited, but also by National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited; or
- o The eventual contracts awarded for Lots 1, 3 & 5 (or any combination of them) may include an option or options, exercisable by National Grid in order to give effect to its legal or regulatory requirements, to novate part or all of those contracts to National Grid Electricity System Operator Limited so that there is continuity of service to that entity, following any divestment from the National Grid group to assume part or all of the functions of the ISOP.

National Grid does not anticipate that the divestment described above would alter the overall nature of the contracts awarded.

National Grid will keep all qualified tenderers abreast of all relevant developments, including the details of the National Grid group entities that will be engaged in relevant contracting activity.

Out of Scope:

Network Management

Network Architecture

Networks Operations Centre

Achilles Registration:

Further to the enclosed PIN, please indicate your expression of interest and confirmation of registration of ALL UVDB codes for each Lot by emailing andy.wright@nationalgrid.com.

You must be registered against ALL UVDB Codes within each Lot in order to receive the Contract Notice and be invited to the Pre-Qualification Stage via Achilles on 1st December 2022.

Please clearly state for each Lot your interest and current status, i.e.: Lot 1

Interested? Yes/No

If Yes:

- Fully registered on Achilles against UVDB Codes? Yes/No
- Partially registered? Yes/No
- Not registered at all? Yes/No

Samuel Lloyd-Jones (samuel.lloydjones@achilles.com) can support any issues with completion of your registration process on Achilles ahead of the qualification event commencing on 1st December 2022.