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Tender

Mobile Telecoms Services

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Ltd

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

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

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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

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I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Mobile Telecoms Services

Reference number

S1110 (2024)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 64212000 - Mobile-telephone services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

NIE Networks wishes to appoint an Economic Operator to enter into a framework agreement for the provision of Mobile Telecoms Services to include;

The provision of Mobile Telecoms Services will include, but not be limited to;

- The provision of mobile 'airtime' services (calls, texts, and data)
- The provision of mobile Equipment (mobile phones, tablets and data dongles) and accessories (cases, screen protectors, chargers & charging cables).

Economic Operators will be required to provide solutions capable of supporting NIE's mobile services requirements for mobile business calls, mobile business data and the purchase of equipment and accessories. Roaming services will also be required with particular importance to Roaming provision & rates within the Republic of Ireland.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £7,743,120

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 64212100 - Short Message Service (SMS) services
- 64212200 - Enhanced Messaging Service (EMS) services
- 64212300 - Multimedia Message Service (MMS) services
- 64212400 - Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) services
- 64212500 - General Packet Radio Services (GPRS) services
- 64212600 - Enhanced Data for GSM Evolution (EDGE) services
- 64212700 - Universal Mobile Telephone System (UMTS) services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks wishes to appoint an Economic Operator to enter into a framework agreement for the provision of Mobile Telecoms Services including (but not limited to) the activities detailed below;

The provision of Mobile Telecoms Services will include, but not be limited to;

- The provision of mobile 'airtime' services (calls, texts, and data)
- The provision of mobile Equipment (mobile phones, tablets and data dongles) and accessories (cases, screen protectors, chargers & charging cables).

Economic Operators will be required to provide solutions capable of supporting NIE's mobile services requirements for mobile business calls, mobile business data and the purchase of equipment and accessories. Roaming services will also be required with particular importance to Roaming provision & rates within the Republic of Ireland.

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: £7,743,120

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

Duration in months

96

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The renewal tender process will be launched in year seven (7) of this contract

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

As specified within the PQQ and/or tender documents available from the address specified with the reference project S1110 (2024) - Mobile Telecoms Services

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Contracting Entity intends to establish a Framework Arrangement under which it shall appoint an Economic Operator to enter into a Framework Agreement for the provision of Mobile Telecoms Services. The Framework Agreement will be for a period of five (5) years with an option, exercisable entirely at the discretion of the Contracting Entity and subject to the terms of the Framework Agreement, to extend by a further optional period of up to three (3) years, with a total potential duration of eight (8) years.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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

As specified within the PQQ and/or tender documents available from the address specified with the reference project S1110 (2024) - Mobile Telecoms Services

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

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

As specified within the PQQ and/or tender documents available from the address specified with the reference project S1110 (2024) - Mobile Telecoms Services

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

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

5 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

17 January 2024

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: 7 years

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Ltd

120 Malone Road

Belfast

BT9 5HT

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3 JY

Country

United Kingdom