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Tender

## **FW Services - Operational Technology Framework - Extended Deadline to 20/06**

SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PLC

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission Plc (SHET) trading as SSEN Transmission has identified a requirement to establish an OT specific Framework of suppliers to maintain a dedicated pool of suppliers to support the successful delivery of our T3 programme. Details

of the programme can be found at <https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/globalassets/documents/riio-t3-documents/ssent-riio-t3-business-plan.pdf>

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### **Commercial tool**

Establishes an open framework

A series of frameworks with substantially the same terms. Awarded suppliers are carried over and new suppliers can bid.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £240,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 February 2026 to 31 January 2034
- 8 years

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Framework - Purchase via call off contracts

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
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## **Lot 1. Substation OT Prof Services (security assurance in substations, firewalls, common platforms)**

### **Description**

Design and build of security solutions to be deployed into substation environments, including the infrastructure and services for backup, monitoring, endpoint protection and firewalls.

- Design and build of physical security solutions for substation environments, including automated access control systems (AACs), CCTV, and other access control and monitoring

solutions such as key safes and door contact sensors.

- Procure and supply the hardware for the security solutions. In most cases this will be free

issued by SSEN-T.

- Provide ongoing 2nd line maintenance and support of the service / solution.
- Consultancy engagements focused on future development or addressing emerging challenges, specific to Lot 1.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £240,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

## Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## Lot 2. OT Security Services inc. Training & Awareness

### Description

Training and Awareness - Development of training content to educate users of operational technology about the risks from cyber security threats.

- Provide specialised OT Security Consultancy and related services including process development and assurance (IDAM, VM, Change Management), maturity assessment, collation and summary of threat intelligence, testing and configuring security tools (Firewalls, EDR, IDS, SIEM).
- Security architecture - risk assessing a new changed system IT/OT systems to ensure security principles are followed and residual risks are understood.
- Penetration testing - undertaking targeted investigations to highlight vulnerabilities within our existing systems and controls that could be exploited by a threat actor.
- OT Forensics - capability to undertake forensic investigations on low level devices used within the electricity sector. e.g. those running Realtime operating systems such as Vxworks.
- Consultancy engagements focused on future development or addressing emerging challenges, specific to Lot 2

## **Lot value (estimated)**

- £240,000,000 including VAT

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## **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 3. OT Infrastructure and Network Services inc. Substations (hardware, networking)**

### **Description**

- Design and build of IT/OT infrastructure to be deployed into data centres and data rooms

within offices. Including hardening of servers, software installation, network configuration, physical deployment (racking and wiring).

- Design and build supporting applications such as identity services, domain management,

key management and backup servers.

- Provide infrastructure support, including patching, processing change requests, fault investigation and repair.

- Design, build or procurement of network infrastructure to include but not limited to

Routers, Switches, Firewalls and typical Datacentre technologies

- Consultancy engagements focused on future development or addressing emerging challenges, specific to Lot 3.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £240,000,000 including VAT

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### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 4. OT Operations (BAU Support and Development)**

### **Description**

- Provide specialist application support and development for OT Applications including PowerOn, PI to respond to incidents, facilitate configuration changes and deliver updates.
- Provide technical assistance for wider OT estate, including Active Directory and firewalls -

often required as part of fault diagnosis, technical remediation and/or project resourcing

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- Provide assistance and expertise with build and support of physical and virtual OT Windows

clients. Building, applying and testing new client images via SCCM for use in Production OT

environment.

- DR testing - provide technical expertise with backup solutions such as NetBackup & Rubrik,

to assist with comprehensive DR restoration tests for our OT servers and applications.

- Consultancy engagements focused on future development or addressing emerging challenges, specific to Lot 4.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £240,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 5. Data Center Hosting**

### **Description**

- Provide data center hosting in a secure and resilient environment suitable for critical national infrastructure (CNI) (likely to be Tier 3 as a minimum) with proximity to the SSEN Transmission OT network in the north of Scotland and connectivity to public cloud services.
- Provide data center hosting to Security Check Level to meet Cabinet Office requirements.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £240,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 6. Delivery Services**

### **Description**

- Professional and Consultancy services.
- Skillset with Operational Technology (OT) expertise. Roles to include, but not limited to;
  1. Business analysis
  2. Design development
  3. Testing
  4. Change management
  5. Architecture
  6. Project delivery and management
  7. Technical design
  8. Service design



### **Lot value (estimated)**

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Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

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## **Framework**

### **Open framework scheme end date (estimated)**

31 January 2034

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0%

### **Framework operation description**

As per Tender Documentataion

## **Award method when using the framework**

With competition

## **Contracting authorities that may use the framework**

SSE group companies

## **Contracting authority location restrictions**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Submission**

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

### **Deadline for requests to participate**

20 June 2025, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

SSEN invite interested suppliers to view the Tender Documents on our Jaggaer eprocurement system under "Current Opportunities" here:

<https://sse.app.jaggaer.com/esop/guest/go/opportunity/detail?opportunityId=426>

Full details of the service required and how to respond to the Pre-Qualification

Questionnaire

can be found on that page

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

1 November 2025

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### **Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
As per PQQ / ITT Documentation	As per PQQ / ITT Documentation	Cost

### **Weighting description**

As per PQQ / ITT Documentation

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### **Other information**

## **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Special regime**

Utilities

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

PQQ to be issued -2 step procedure under PA23 utilising Jaggaer / Find a tender. Open

Framework to be utilised. Following PQQ evaluation, down selection will be made to move to

ITT stage.

Awards will be made per lot. Total of 6 available lots

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## **Contracting authority**

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