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Planning

National Grid Community Relations Framework 2024

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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www.nationalgrid.com

Buyer's address

<https://my.achilles.com/join-community?communitycode=UVD&lang=en-GB&buyerid=00014456>

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

National Grid Community Relations Framework 2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79416000 - Public relations services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In order to achieve The Great Grid Upgrade - the largest overhaul of the electricity grid in

generations in support of the UK's switch to clean energy - National Grid Electricity Transmission "NGET" has recently set up a new business unit "Strategic Infrastructure" to focus on the delivery of these 17 projects as well as the early stage development of other future strategically important projects.

An important element is ensuring the local communities that host our infrastructure are properly and adequately informed and consulted via robust consultation exercises and on-going engagement through both the design and construction phases. This will require the services of community relations agencies that don't simply understand the consenting process but are able to clearly articulate project opportunities with a strong command of the English - and where appropriate Welsh - language. Doing so will maintain and enhance National Grid's reputation.

This will involve innovative and flexible approaches working across multiple agencies given the complexity and stretching timescale. Depending on skills, experience, and requirements the work will be varied, such as producing best in class content, copy writing, and public narratives to organising engaging and first-rate consultations.

The pipeline of projects will continue to grow as the UK's seeks to reach net zero by 2050. This will only be realised through a revitalised transmission network which enables us to carry more clean energy to communities in every part of England and Wales.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)

- UKK - South West (England)
- UKL - Wales

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NGET will be running the pre-qualification questionnaire "PQQ" process through the Achilles UVDB Platform. Interested Organisations that already have an account must ensure their registration is up to date and apply if required, the Additional Achilles UVDB CPV Codes no later than 30th Nov 2023.

Interested Organisations that do not have an Achilles account, should click on the Achilles link below to register for the UVDB Silver Plus Membership and apply the Achilles UVDB Main CPV code and Achilles UVDB Additional CPV codes no later than 30th Nov 2023 and send Desta Wheeler at Achilles an email to advise: desta.wheeler@achilles.com

National Grid Achilles link for Interested Organisations to join:

<https://my.achilles.com/join-community?communitycode=UVD&lang=en-GB&buyerid=00014456>

Achilles UVDB - Main CPV Code are: 2.2.29 - Community Relations Consultancy

Achilles UVDB - Additional CPV Codes are: 2.6.22 - Technical Procedural Writing Services 2.6.28 - Graphic & Media Design Services 2.2.30 - Public Consultation Consultancy

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

28 June 2024

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

1 December 2023

Local time

12:00pm

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

English