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Tender

The Provision of Half-Hourly and Non-Half-Hourly Metered Electricity & Mains Metered Natural Gas & Support Services To The Estates of FirstGroup's Train Operating Companies & Entities Across the UK

FIRSTGROUP HOLDINGS LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

<http://redirect.transaxions.com/events/Hfrfk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<http://redirect.transaxions.com/events/Hfrfk>

I.6) Main activity

Railway services

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

The Provision of Half-Hourly and Non-Half-Hourly Metered Electricity & Mains Metered Natural Gas & Support Services To The Estates of FirstGroup's Train Operating Companies & Entities Across the UK

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

FirstGroup seeks tenders for the provision of supplies of natural gas and REGO-backed electricity, Meter Operator and Data Collector (DC) / Data Aggregator (DA) services to the estates of FirstGroup's rail business and Affiliates.

The estimated annual consumption of all current entities is 55 GWhs per annum for electricity and 1.25 million Therms for gas.

FirstGroup expects to award contracts for the entities for a minimum 36 month period with an optional 24 month extension.

The gas contracts are expected to commence on 01/07/2025.

The electricity contracts are expected to commence on 01/10/2025.

Prospective Tenderers are advised that the new government has indicated its intention to bring all Train Operating Company contracts back under public control as and when they expire which means there may be a change in the number of entities being contracted between the contract notice publication and award/signature. Further details can be found in the Project Brief document included in the linked tender information.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

The Provision of Metered Natural Gas

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09121200 - Mains gas

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Full breakdown of site locations by MPRN will be made available within the Tender Documents to those Applicants shortlisted through the PQQ stage to the ITN stage.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 is for the supply of metered natural gas to sites across the estates of FirstGroup's rail businesses with an estimated annual consumption of 39 GWh.

The intention is to award a contract 2+1 term. The contract is expected to commence 01/07/2025.

This Lot may be awarded individually and may not be awarded if Lot 3 is awarded.

A more detailed specification is available within the Tender Documents.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

FirstGroup is seeking an initial 36 month term with an option to extend up to a further 24 months upon completion of the initial term.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

The Provision of Half-Hourly & Non-Half-Hourly Metered Electricity and Support Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09310000 - Electricity

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 is for the supply of metered, REGO-backed, electricity, Meter Operator and Data Collector (DC) / Data Aggregator (DA) services to the estates of FirstGroup's rail business and Affiliates with an estimated annual consumption of 55 GWh.

The intention is to award a contract 3+2 term. The contract is expected to commence 01/10/2025.

This Lot may be awarded individually or may not be awarded in event Lot 3 is awarded.

A more detailed specification is available within the Tender Documents.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

FirstGroup is seeking an initial 36 month term with an option to extend up to a further 24 months upon completion of the initial term.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

The Provision of Metered Natural Gas & Half-Hourly & Non-Half-Hourly Metered Electricity & Support Services

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 09000000 - Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 is for the supply of natural gas and metered, REGO-backed, electricity, Meter Operator and Data Collector (DC) / Data Aggregator (DA) services to the estates of FirstGroup's rail business and Affiliates and is a combination of Lot 1 and 2.

The intention is to award contracts for a 3+2 term. The contracts are expected to commence on gas - 01/07/2025 and electricity - 01/10/2025.

This Lot may be awarded individually or may not be awarded if Lot 1 and 2 are awarded.

A more detailed specification is available within the Tender Documents.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Duration in months

36

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

FirstGroup is seeking an initial 36 months term with an option to extend up to 24 months upon completion of the initial term.

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

Parties expressing an interest must be Licensed by Ofgem as an Accredited Supplier of metered electricity and natural gas in the UK and must be signatories to all of the electricity and natural gas supply industry Agreements.

Parties expressing an interest must also be able to meet the minimum requirements of the Client - these are provided within the Tender Documents and available with free and open access.

Prospective Tenderer's should note that this Procurement relates to the provision of services to all of FirstGroup's rail business divisions and Affiliates, current and future. Please note that the current SWR National Rail Contract is due to expire in May 2025 and the GWR National Rail Contract is due to expire in June 2025. The new government has indicated its intention to bring all Train Operating Company contracts back under public control as and when they expire, and legislation to enable this is currently working through the necessary stages. Any business division or Affiliate that is no longer under the control of FirstGroup will either be removed from this tender process and not awarded a contract or may be awarded a separate contract under the new entity.

At the time of launching this procurement process there is no clarity on the timelines as to when the National Rail Contracted Train Operating Companies (TOCs) will transfer to Public Ownership. The Passenger Railways Services Bill is still in the final stages of the legislative process.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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 tenders or requests to participate

Date

22 November 2024

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

6 December 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

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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