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Contract

## **Separation of Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission network and domain**

SCOTTISH HYDRO ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION PLC

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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### **Section I: Contracting entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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#### **Region code**

UKM - Scotland

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ssen-transmission.co.uk/>

## **I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Separation of Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission network and domain

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 72700000 - Computer network services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Scottish Hydro Electric Transmission (SHET) seek a skilled provider of network and security consulting and project delivery services to design and deliver a major IT + OT network and authentication re-structure.

The objective of the project is to further separate SHET network zones from other SSE BU networking, enabling SHET to apply networking changes in a more agile way with less inter-group dependency. The projects span both IT and OT (operational technology).

The current network design is complex with a disparate combination of separate and shared services with other SSE businesses. It is important that the design for the "To-Be" solution minimises the risk to the business during the transformation from the current network architecture to the future model. Suppliers should appreciate transition will be undertaken in the context of a live operating environment.

This project will help ensure SHET continue to meet the NIS Directive CAF (Cyber Assessment Framework) B2 principle and contributing outcomes in the RIIO-T3 Ofgem regulatory period.

- In 2025 the project will define a costed strategy, architecture secure design, support model and execution plan for SHET to meet its desired network and security outcomes.
- In 2026 execution of the approved design will follow as part of the RIIO-T3 regulatory period. On-site execution will take place across the territory of Scotland.

It is desirable that the supplier have the capability to provide IT managed services and project delivery services (for example but not limited to networking, infrastructure, cybersecurity specialisms) and professional services as this may be a future requirement.

Due to the nature of the work involved, it is anticipated that the supplier and any sub-contractor personnel will be UK based and where necessary their employees assigned to the programme or with access to SHET data may be required to hold appropriate security clearance for their role.

To successfully deliver the project, the design and execution phases must address and deliver solutions that:

1. Improved Transmission OT systems and network, with increased cyber security prevention and avoidance of risk.
2. Maintenance of SHET compliance with the CAF Principle B2 and preparation to meet the Enhanced CAF Profile once released.
3. Enable SHET to:
  - a. Drive towards network independence whilst retaining benefits of sharing wider corporate network where beneficial to do so ,
  - b. Enable initiative-taking risk avoidance and management, and increased ability to accommodate future cyber and functional changes.
4. Strengthens SHET overall network security posture while also making it easier to monitor and track traffic throughout SHET network.
5. Solution will need to be scalable to support anticipated future business growth.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.2) Description**

##### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

## **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Full details of requirement available in the procurement documentation

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Anticipate award of initial project contracts with option to purchase additional callofs and services during the term. SHET may make additional purchases from the winning Tenderer via the negotiated procedure without prior call for competition.

### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

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

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## **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-020844](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

17 June 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Sword IT Solutions Ltd

Staines-Upon-Thames

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

SSE Plc

Perth

Country

United Kingdom