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## **Smart Meter communication Licence Opportunity - Webinar Notification**

Ofgem

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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#### **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

#### **I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

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

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

Services

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

Pre-Market Engagement Webinar around the future opportunity to apply for the Smart Meter Communication Licence, in a process run by the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem).

The competition itself will be conducted pursuant to the Electricity and Gas (Competitive Tenders for Smart Meter Communication Licences) Regulations 2012. The Regulations can be found here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/2414/contents/made>

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 38551000 - Energy meters
- 32571000 - Communications infrastructure
- 32400000 - Networks
- 32423000 - Network hubs
- 71314200 - Energy-management services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

This PIN is related to 2023/S 000-028912, published on 2 October 2023, which provided notice of Ofgem's intention to undertake a competition to appoint a single Licensee to act as holder of the Smart Meter Communication Licences (under the Gas Act 1986 and the Electricity Act 1989).

The purpose of this PIN is to inform prospective applicants that Ofgem will be holding a Pre-Tender Market Engagement (PTME) event on Friday 8th November from 09:00-10:00 GMT.

Description of the Opportunity

The competition will be conducted pursuant to the Electricity and Gas (Competitive Tenders for Smart Meter Communication Licences) Regulations 2012. The Regulations can be found here: <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2012/2414/contents/made>

The opportunity is to operate the Smart Meter Communication Licence and manage the services currently being provided by the Licensee, Smart DCC Ltd (DCC). This includes procuring and managing communications and data services subcontractors, and providing the expected level of service to its users as defined in the licence and in relevant regulated industry codes.

The scope of tender is the same as outlined in PIN 2023/S 000-028912, however, Ofgem has now published a decision to extend the term of the current licence such that it will expire on 22 September 2027. Critically the core business should be conducted on a not-for-profit basis.

## Event details

To help shape the opportunity and seek market feedback Ofgem is holding a Pre-Tender Market Engagement (PTME) event on Friday 8th November from 09:00 - 10:00 GMT.

The purpose of this PTME is to:

- Inform the market of the principles and objectives for the Licence procurement,
- Understand the capacity of the market to tender and possible risks involved,
- Understand the enablers and further information the market requires to decide to submit a bid,
- Understand what the markets requires from Ofgem throughout the tender process,
- Provide the market with an opportunity to ask questions, raise queries and identify any issues to be addressed at an early stage.

## Joining the webinar

If you wish to attend the Webinar event on Friday 8th November 2024 from 09:00 - 10:00 (GMT) and are interested in applying for this future opportunity, please confirm interest via the following link, supplying the names, positions and email address of who will be attending on behalf of your organisation by no later than 17:00 (GMT) Wednesday 6th November 2024. Registration form link address:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LloTRWoh90uuJjRs3\\_kb0MQIKlo1oltFm22b\\_znS7nZUOFJZWkU4QTMjTjRCTFNLRlYxWUtHOFRTSy4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LloTRWoh90uuJjRs3_kb0MQIKlo1oltFm22b_znS7nZUOFJZWkU4QTMjTjRCTFNLRlYxWUtHOFRTSy4u)

A Webinar link to the event will be sent to all parties confirming interest at the above link, on Thursday 7th November 2024. The link will confirm which platform will be used, however, it is likely to be via Microsoft Teams.

If there are any issues with connecting on the day or you require any further information about the opportunity, please email [dccregulation@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:dccregulation@ofgem.gov.uk) in the first instance.

A further PIN will be published at a later date which will provide the details of the full scope of services the Successor Licensee must / can provide, the associated governance arrangements that will be put in place, and the cost control arrangements that the Successor Licensee will be subject to.

-Ofgem is currently consulting on a new regulatory model for DCC which will be implemented through changes to the Smart Meter Communication Licences. This work will inform the scope of the activities being tendered. Once decisions are finalised, Ofgem

will detail the scope changes.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

NB: Ofgem understands that not all suppliers may be able to attend at that time; consequently, the event will also be recorded and supplied to all interested parties.

A post-event feedback form will also be sent to all registered participants, even if they did not attend, which will be open for a week after the event

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

30 June 2025

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### **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

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.3) Additional information**

For further information on the above opportunity please contact  
[DCCregulation@ofgem.gov.uk](mailto:DCCregulation@ofgem.gov.uk)

Estimated date of publication of contract notice is to be determined, but expected to be late spring 2025.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the myTenders Web Site at  
[https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=233033](https://www.mytenders.co.uk/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=233033).

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