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## **Marine Survey. Sea Link Nearshore Boreholes**

NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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

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

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#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/>

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

<http://www.ariba.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

Marine Survey. Sea Link Nearshore Boreholes

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 71354500 - Marine survey services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Sea link high voltage direct current (HVDC) link between Suffolk and Kent with onshore converter stations and connections back to the national electricity transmission system.

Sea Link has committed to trenchless solutions for the beach crossings at the Suffolk landfall, Aldeburgh as well as the Kent landfall Pegwell Bay. Nearshore boreholes are required to collect geotechnical and physical core data at each landfall

To register your interest in this Procurement event and to obtain the pre-qualification documentation applicants are to email [Rebecca.Pearson@nationalgrid.com](mailto:Rebecca.Pearson@nationalgrid.com) using the wording 'Registering Interest for 'Marine Survey. Sea Link Nearshore Boreholes'.(if you have them) your Ariba AN number (Network ID), name, email address and contact phone number for all contacts within your organisation who will need to receive Ariba messages and administer your online submissions. Following receipt of this information National Grid will invite you to the Ariba event where all the pre-qualification documentation is contained including further instructions.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

The PQQ process is to establish market capability to carry out the required works within the time period indicated. It is the Client's intent to follow up the PQQ responses with a tendering process with a view to award a Marine Nearshore GI Boreholes contract based on a detailed RFP process.

Sea Link has already undertaken a cable route survey of the corridor for the planned marine corridor, including the nearshore and landfall zones to the location of the Transition Joint Bay Compound.

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Access to the sampling sites is presumed from the marine environment, due to the environmental sensitivity of the landfalls and exposure to coastal processes, requiring

specialised equipment and appropriate methodologies which have been subject to thorough risk assessments. The Kent locations are on mudflats which are exposed at low water. Completion of the acquisition, testing and reporting needs to be completed no later than Q2 2024 subject to relevant consents and permits being in place. The Employer will provide detailed technical specifications for Tenderer to comply with at the RFP stage (stage 2).

#### **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

4

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: No

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### **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.8) Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

No specific legal form is required in order to participate in the procurement stage. However, National Grid reserves the right to require successfully appointed suppliers to take a specific legal form and/or accept joint and several liability if constituted as a group of economic operators.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

#### **IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

#### **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

8 January 2024

Local time

11:00am

#### **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)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

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

Interested parties should note that National Grid is using the Ariba portal, details in Section I.3 and 11.1.4. of this notice.

All documentation will be made available through this portal.

All communications by interested parties must be made to the contacts in Section 11.1.4 . Once interested parties have been invited to the Ariba Event, National Grid will then only communicate through the portal.

Communications sent by alternative means and/or to any other person will be ignored. Please note that a "request to participate" for the purposes of section IV.2.2 of this notice is by completion and return of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ), which is available through the Ariba portal, by the stated deadline.

Interested parties should note that National Grid reserves the right to cancel or vary this procurement process at any stage. National Grid may also change the basis, procedures and/or timescales set out or referred to within the procurement documents. National Grid will not be liable for any costs or expenses whatsoever incurred by interested parties in participating in this procurement process.

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

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

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom