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Contract

Wayleaves and Accounts Payable Remittance Service

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Wayleaves and Accounts Payable Remittance Service

Reference number

S1143 (2023)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79800000 - Printing and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Northern Ireland Electricity Limited (NIE Networks) established a framework arrangement under which it shall appoint suitably qualified and experienced service providers for the

provision of:

- Printing of cheque-based stock and envelopes
- Receiving, processing and printing of payment files received from the customer via a secure FTP server
- Signing (electronic signature), folding, inserting and mailing printed cheques and remittance forms

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £845,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Wayleaves Payments

In order to deliver a reliable and efficient supply of electricity, NIE Networks needs to site equipment throughout Northern Ireland. A substantial portion of this equipment is located on privately owned land for which NIE Networks requires consent. A wayleave agreement is a contractual license which permits NIE Networks to install, access, repair and maintain its electricity equipment. In consideration of a wayleave agreement being signed an annual payment is made to the grantor.

NIE Networks wayleave payments are intended to reflect the impact NIE Networks electricity equipment has on the use of the land. NIE Networks grantors are compensated in the form of an annual rent (pay rate 1) or rent and compensation (pay rate 2). Pay rate 2 is compensation for the impact the equipment has on agricultural operations.

NIE Networks makes wayleave payments by cheque every year subject to a minimum cheque value of £2.00. A remittance form is attached to each cheque. Each payment detailed on the remittance form refers to a specific wayleave agreement between NIE

Networks and the customer.

At present NIE Networks issue approximately 120,000 cheques per annum.

Accounts Payable

NIE Accounts Payable require Remittance Services to pay specific suppliers, NIE customer refunds, Wayleave substation rents and other miscellaneous payments when required. NIE AP have a weekly cheque run which has approximately 30 cheques per week. Each cheque has a remittance form attached which quotes the invoice reference.

Occasionally AP are required to issue an urgent cheque outside the normal weekly run and the contactor should be able to facilitate this.

At present NIE Accounts Payable issue approximately 1800 cheques per annum.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial / Weighting: 70

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement will be established for a period of 5 years with the option (entirely at the discretion of NIE Networks) to extend by 3 further 12-month periods (8 years in total)

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

S1143

Title

Wayleaves and Accounts Payable Remittance Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 December 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

RW Pierce Security Print Solutions Limited

17 Dargan Crescent

Belfast

BT3 9RP

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £845,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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