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SPT - Strategic Agreement for Transmission Overhead Line Works

SP TRANSMISSION PLC

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

SP TRANSMISSION PLC

320 ST VINCENT STREET

GLASGOW

G2 5AD

Contact

SPT Strategic Projects

Email

OHLstrategicagreement@scottishpower.com

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKM - Scotland

Companies House

SC189126

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.spenergynetworks.co.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/suppliers.aspx>

I.3) Communication

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

<https://portal.mygosupply.com/login>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

SPT - Strategic Agreement for Transmission Overhead Line Works

Reference number

SPT-OHL-SA

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45231400 - Construction work for electricity power lines

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

The agreement will comprise of three (3) Lots: -

- Lot 1 is for 400kV Overhead Line Works involving a HTLS (High Temperature Low Sag) conductor system
- Lot 2 is for 275kV and 400kV Overhead Line Works
- Lot 3 is for 132kV Overhead Line Works

All Lots are based on an EPC approach whereby the suppliers appointed to the agreement may be allocated projects and they will provide engineering and design, procure any materials and equipment, and carry out the construction works as per the agreed design with SPT.

Details of the projects anticipated to be covered under this agreement are available in SPT's procurement documents, including an indication of the scope of work and size of each project. Note that the exact scope of each project may change from the publication of this document. These projects are indicative and may be subject to change. SPT reserves the right to update or amend these projects or add additional projects to the framework.

There is no guarantee, express or implied, that the appointed suppliers under the framework agreement will receive any, or a particular volume or value of work.

A virtual launch event will be held w/c 8 January 2024: to attend please email OHLstrategicagreement@scottishpower.com with the names and email addresses for your attendees.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Where more than one Lot may be awarded to the same bidder, SPT reserves the right to award contracts combining several or all Lots. Bidders can bid for one, two or all three Lots.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Design & Construction of 400kV Overhead Lines with HTLS

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45231400 - Construction work for electricity power lines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

SPT plan to work on a number of 400kV OHL with HTLS projects within this scope across its licence area covering central and southern Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 1 - 400kV Overhead Line Works involving HTLS

The works under this Lot will consist of the refurbishment and reconditioning of steel tower overhead lines.

The Scope for Lot 1 includes, but is not limited to:

- Early Contractor Involvement
- Desktop Design
- Detailed Design
- Site Survey and Condition assessment
- Site establishment - including site prep, site facilities, temporary drainage, waste management
- Enabling works - Access works, site preparation
- Tower refurbishment and modification including the supply of materials and equipment
- Tower painting
- Foundation upgrades
- Circuit reconductoring including the supply of materials and equipment
- Vegetation management
- Where required, new overhead lines to tie in with substation works.

The procurement documents contain further information on the scope of Lot 1, including the proposed contractual arrangements.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £600,000,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The duration of the Framework Agreement is an initial 5 years, but extendable up to a maximum of 10 years at SPT's option.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The duration of the Framework Agreement is 5 years, but extendable up to 10 years (in aggregate) at SPT's option. The duration of call-off contracts for specific packages may extend beyond the end of the overarching Framework Agreement.

II.2.14) Additional information

Potential bidders should note that the registration process for GoSupply can take up to two weeks, so interested parties that have not already done so should email OHLstrategicagreement@scottishpower.com in order to start the registration process as soon as possible to maximise the response time that is available to them.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Design & Construction of 275kV and 400kV Overhead Lines

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45231400 - Construction work for electricity power lines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

SPT plan to work on a number of 275kV and 400kV OHL projects within this scope across its licence area covering central and southern Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 2 - 275kV and 400kV Overhead Line Works

The works under this Lot will consist of

- Refurbishment and reconditioning of steel tower overhead lines.
- Design and construction of new 275kV Overhead Lines
- Design and construction of new 400kV Overhead Lines

The Scope for Lot 2 includes, but is not limited to:

- Early Contractor Involvement
- Desktop Design
- Detailed Design
- Site Survey and Condition assessment
- Site establishment - including site prep, site facilities, temporary drainage, waste management
- Enabling works - Access works, site preparation
- Tower refurbishment and modification including the supply of materials and equipment

- Tower painting
- Foundation upgrades
- Circuit reconductoring including the supply of materials and equipment
- Vegetation management
- Where required, new overhead lines to tie in with substation works.
- Supply and installation of new 275kV overhead lines (SPT shall retain the option to free-issue conductor to the supplier)
- Supply and installation of new 400kV overhead lines (SPT shall retain the option to free-issue conductor to the supplier)

The procurement documents contain further information on the scope of Lot 2, including the proposed contractual arrangements.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £1,875,000,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The duration of the Framework Agreement is an initial 5 years, but extendable up to a maximum of 10 years at SPT's option.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The duration of the Framework Agreement is 5 years, but extendable up to 10 years (in aggregate) at SPT's option. The duration of call-off contracts for specific packages may extend beyond the end of the overarching Framework Agreement.

II.2.14) Additional information

Potential bidders should note that the registration process for GoSupply can take up to two weeks, so interested parties that have not already done so should email OHLstrategicagreement@scottishpower.com in order to start the registration process as soon as possible to maximise the response time that is available to them.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Design & Construction of 132kV Overhead Line Works

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45231400 - Construction work for electricity power lines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM - Scotland

Main site or place of performance

SPT plan to work on a number of 132kV OHL projects within this scope across its licence area covering central and southern Scotland.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Lot 3 - 132kV Overhead Line Works

The works under this Lot will consist of:

- Refurbishment and reconditioning of 132kV steel tower overhead lines.
- Design and construction of new 132kV Tower and Wood Pole Overhead Lines

The Scope for Lot 3 includes, but is not limited to:

- Early Contractor Involvement
- Desktop Design
- Detailed Design
- Site Survey and Condition assessment
- Site establishment - including site prep, site facilities, temporary drainage, waste management
- Enabling works - Access works, site preparation
- Tower refurbishment and modification including the supply of materials and equipment
- Tower painting
- Foundation upgrades
- Circuit reconductoring including the supply of materials and equipment
- Vegetation management
- Where required, new overhead lines to tie in with substation works.
- Supply and installation of new 132kV overhead lines (SPT shall retain the option to free-issue conductor to the supplier)

The procurement documents contain further information on the scope of Lot 3, including the proposed contractual arrangements.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £525,000,000

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

Duration in months

120

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

The duration of the Framework Agreement is an initial 5 years, but extendable up to a maximum of 10 years at SPT's option.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The duration of the Framework Agreement is 5 years, but extendable up to 10 years (in aggregate) at SPT's option. The duration of call-off contracts for specific packages may extend beyond the end of the overarching Framework Agreement.

II.2.14) Additional information

Potential bidders should note that the registration process for GoSupply can take up to two weeks, so interested parties that have not already done so should email OHLstrategicagreement@scottishpower.com in order to start the registration process as soon as possible to maximise the response time that is available to them.

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

Please refer to the AQ

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

III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria

Please refer to the rules and criteria for participation and shortlisting as stated in the AQ.

III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required

SPT may require that suppliers provide a parent company guarantee/guarantees or other form of suitable security (depending on the corporate structure) to cover all call-off contracts which may be issued to them under the Framework Agreement. Any bond requirements would be set out on a case-by-case basis in each call-off contract. Further details will be provided in the procurement documents.

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

Where a group of economic operators are bidding, SPT may require the group to assume a specific legal form for the purpose of the award of the Framework Agreement, or to require that each economic operator assumes joint and several liability.

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

Please refer to the contract documentation

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

Framework agreement with several operators

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 8 years:

The potential 10 year duration is to align with SPT's part of the UK's aims through the "Pathway to 2030 Holistic Network Design" (as a first step towards Net Zero) and further substantial delivery steps that will be required (with respect to projects to be completed in the first half of the 2030s) to achieve Net Zero by 2050.

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

31 January 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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

26 February 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: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

Interested parties must complete the following steps as soon as possible to participate in this stage of the procurement process:-

1. Register your interest by sending an email to SPT Strategic Projects at OHLstrategicagreement@scottishpower.com and make clear which Lots are of interest;
2. Fully register with Go Supply (if not already) and complete all required information:-

Suppliers not already registered with Go Supply should register using the following link: <https://portal.mygosupply.com/action/landing>

Other Useful Link: <https://www.scottishpower.com/pages/suppliers.aspx>

Suppliers already registered with Go Supply must ensure that their registration details and information is up to date. This can be done by visiting <http://www.mygosupply.com> and logging in using their unique login details; and

3. Complete and submit SPT's additional questionnaire (AQ), which supplements the information provided to Go Supply, in accordance with the instructions detailed in the AQ by no later than the deadline stated in IV.2.2.

At this stage in the procurement process, the procurement documents include a memorandum of information (MoI) and an additional questionnaire (AQ) which will be sent to interested parties following SPT's receipt of the interested party's email (step 1 above). The qualification and shortlisting rules are set out in the AQ.

All financial values stated in this notice are calculated using current prices plus assumed inflation based on RPI forecast rates to 2034. All values are estimates only and the final outturn values will depend on the precise works and services required to be delivered, the means of delivery, the way in which programme and project risks materialise, the actual rates of inflation up to completion of the programme, and other factors.

The precise details of each identified project, including specific location, route, form of electricity network infrastructure, construction methodology, and any associated mitigation or enhancement schemes are indicative and remain to be confirmed. The final project details are subject to all necessary consents being obtained (such as any required DCO, Electricity Act 1989 consent or planning permission), the requirements of those consents, and the terms of any necessary land rights to be secured to enable project delivery. SPT gives no commitment as to the basis on which any necessary consents or land rights will be applied for, or obtained.

Parties participating in this procurement process do so at their own risk and shall bear their own costs, whether or not the process proceeds as anticipated, or at all.

Subject to the fuller terms of the procurement documents, SPT reserves the right (in its sole and absolute discretion and without liability to any person): (i) not to accept the highest scoring, or any, bid(s); (ii) to cancel the procurement process or any lot or other part of it at any time; (iii) not to award a contract in any lot or at all; and (iv) to make changes to the content and structure of the procurement process at any time.

This Framework Agreement, along with other framework agreements that SPT may procure through separate procurement processes, will contribute to SPT's delivery of its strategic projects under the Holistic Network Design (HND) model (which are funded by the Accelerated Strategic Transmission Investment, Large Onshore Transmission Investment and Medium Sized Investment Project frameworks) as well as any baseline projects forming part of SPT's RIIO-T2 and RIIO-T/3 price control settlements and any customer connection projects that SPT considers appropriate to be delivered under this model. For the avoidance of doubt, SPT may have separate arrangements for the delivery of similar works to the works which SPT intends to procure under the Framework Agreement but such arrangements may be based on a different delivery model.

It is currently anticipated that SPT's HND programme will be delivered by the suppliers through these Framework Agreements and the call-off contracts awarded under them, and the full scope of that is included in the scope advertised by this notice.

However, and without limiting that, the works and services awarded to the suppliers through this Framework Agreement, and the other framework agreements, may extend beyond work required for the HND programme to involve additional works and services, through the award of further contracts in reliance on the procedure in Regulation 48(4)(e) of the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 concerning direct awards for new works, services or both, consisting of the repetition of similar works or services. Any contracts for new works or services consisting of the repetition of similar works or services will (as relevant in the circumstances) conform to the requirements of SPT's HND programme and / or for a particular project for which contracts are called-off under these Framework Agreements

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Glasgow Sheriff Court

1 Carlton Place

Glasgow

G5 9DA

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Any proceedings relating to a breach of a duty owed by SPT to an economic operator under the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 in relation to this procurement must be started within 30 days beginning with the date when the economic operator first knew or ought to have known that grounds for starting the proceedings had arisen unless the court considers that there is a good reason for extending the period within which proceedings may be brought, in which case the court may extend that period up to a maximum of 3 months from that date.