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## **T313 (2025) Provision of Tree Cutting**

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-046eea

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

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

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

120 Malone Road,

Belfast,

BT9 5HT

#### **Email**

[Anna.McWhirter@nienetworks.co.uk](mailto:Anna.McWhirter@nienetworks.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.nienetworks.co.uk](http://www.nienetworks.co.uk)

## **I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://e-sourcingni.bravosolution.co.uk>

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

Electricity

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

T313 (2025) Provision of Tree Cutting

Reference number

T313 (2025)

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

NIE Networks wishes to procure the services of suitably qualified and experienced service providers for the Provision of Tree Cutting. The Works shall be divided into 4 geographic Lots as follows:

- Lot 1: North (main lot will be sub categorised by voltage LV, 11kV, 33kV, Transmission and Major Projects)
- Lot 2: West (main lot will be sub categorised by voltage LV, 11kV, 33kV, Transmission and Major Projects)
- Lot 3: South (main lot will be sub categorised by voltage LV, 11kV, 33kV, Transmission and Major Projects)
- Lot 4: East (main lot will be sub categorised by voltage LV, 11kV, 33kV, Transmission and Major Projects)

The Works across all lots are for the provision of Services and Works in relation to tree cutting associated with:

- New build Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV

- Refurbishment of Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV
- Storm escalation work regarding Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV
- Fault & emergency work regarding Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV
- Other associated works and services in connection with the above list as deemed appropriate.

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £56,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 1 - North

Lot No

1

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The Works across all lots are for the provision of Services and Works in relation to tree cutting associated with:

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- Storm escalation work regarding Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV
- Fault & emergency work regarding Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV
- Other associated works and services in connection with the above list as deemed appropriate.

#### **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

96

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: Yes

Description of options

The Framework Agreement period is 4 (four) years with the option, exercisable exclusively by NIE Networks, to extend the Framework Agreement for up to two additional 2 (two) year extension periods. Potential total Framework Agreement duration of 8 (eight) years.

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

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 2 - West

Lot No

2

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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### **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

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This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Maximum number: 3

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

## Description of options

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

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 3 - South

Lot No

3

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

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- Refurbishment of Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV
- Storm escalation work regarding Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV
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### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

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

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

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Lot 4 - East

Lot No

4

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

- 77000000 - Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services
- 77200000 - Forestry services
- 77211400 - Tree-cutting services
- 77300000 - Horticultural services

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

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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

The Works across all lots are for the provision of Services and Works in relation to tree cutting associated with:

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voltages up to and including 400kV

- Fault & emergency work regarding Transmission and Distribution Overhead Lines on all voltages up to and including 400kV
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Duration in months

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This contract is subject to renewal

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### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

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

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

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 12

#### **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**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-017966](#)

**IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

15 January 2025

Local time

12:00pm

**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: Yes

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

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

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of Justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom