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Tender

S1228 (2024) Flexibility Management Platform

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

F05: Contract notice – utilities

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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>

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

S1228 (2024) Flexibility Management Platform

Reference number

S1228 (2024)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

In order to deliver a reliable and efficient supply of electricity, NIE networks requires the provision of a system to manage flexibility services in a business as usual environment, in a scalable, robust and secure manner.

Key system functions:

- Procurement (via dynamic purchasing system)
- Scheduling of flexible units
- Dispatch instructions and management
- Baselining
- Collection of meter data and performance analysis
- Facilitation of settlement processes
- Reporting functions

The system will be used in an operational environment to schedule, dispatch and monitor flexibility services as required. Services will be procured using the system, with the oversight of Flexibility Commercial resources.

Flexibility service providers will access flexibility opportunities using the system and will be migrated to an operational environment once contracted. The system will allow communication of instructions and other key operational information between NIE Networks and contracted flexibility providers.

The vendor is expected to provide the functionality in one system.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £900,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48460000 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software package
- 48517000 - IT software package
- 48700000 - Software package utilities

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Framework will be established for a period of 4 years with an option (exercisable entirely at NIE Network's Discretion), to extend for up to 2 further 24 month periods (8 years in total).

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

Yes

Description of renewals

At the end of the framework term it may be subject to renewal.

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

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

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 a single operator

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

Date

13 January 2025

Local time

12:00pm

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

17 February 2025

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: Yes

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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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

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United Kingdom