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Tender

## **Provision of Managed Service for Operational Telecoms Network (OTN)**

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

S1057 2026

### **Description**

NIE Networks intends, following the process outlined in this Invitation to Tender, to appoint Suppliers to enter into a Framework Agreement for the provision of the Services, as detailed below.

The main scope of responsibilities will include the following:

- Management and operation of all the infrastructure elements that the OTN comprises. This will include the management of third parties who undertake specialist functions, e.g. rigging, tower inspections & fibre works.
- Responsibility for the maintenance and provision of end-to-end connectivity down to individual circuit level between various points on the Customer's networks.

- Provision of a single point of contact for all matters concerning the operation and management of the OTN.
- Provision of a single point of contact for all matters concerning the cybersecurity of the OTN
- Provision of in-house NOC, SOC and SIEM
- Procurement of services and equipment from third-party providers.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £104,100,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 October 2026 to 30 September 2031
- Possible extension to 30 September 2034
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

Option to extend for 3 years following initial contract period

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 50332000 - Telecommunications-infrastructure maintenance services
- 42961200 - Scada or equivalent system
- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

## **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

As specified within the RTP and/or tender documents available from the address included within this notice with the reference project S1057 Provision of Managed Service for Operational Telecoms Network (OTN)

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

As specified within the RTP and/or tender documents available from the address included within this notice with the reference project S1057 Provision of Managed Service for Operational Telecoms Network (OTN)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

8 August 2025, 12:00pm

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

### **Deadline for requests to participate**

15 August 2025, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

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

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Suppliers to be invited to tender**

Maximum 4 suppliers

**Award decision date (estimated)**

31 March 2026

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Quality	Quality	60%
Cost	Cost	40%

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**Other information****Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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**Procedure****Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

## **Special regime**

Utilities

## **Competitive flexible procedure description**

As specified within the RTP and/or tender documents available from the address included within this notice with the reference project S1057 Provision of Managed Service for Operational Telecoms Network (OTN)

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## **Contracting authority**

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Organisation type: Private utility

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland