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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

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)

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

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	60%
Cost	Cost	40%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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)

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Private utility

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland