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Award

NMS Software Licence Purchase and Support Renewal

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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Scope

Description

This engagement ensures that the critical operations system, Oracle Network Management System (NMS)¹ maintenance and licencing remains in place. Given NMS' integral role in NIE Networks' network operations outage management, fault and emergency response and storm escalations, it is essential to maintain NMS and ensure it is fully supported so that continuity of service can remain. As this supplier has intellectual property rights only this supplier can supply the services required, and there are no reasonable alternatives.

Contract 1. NMS Software Licence Purchase & Support renewal

Supplier

- Oracle Corporation UK Limited

Contract value

- £1,357,000 excluding VAT
- £1,628,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

2 September 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72212218 - License management software development services

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Special regime

Utilities

Direct award justification

Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights

Clause 41 "Direct Award in Special Cases" of the Procurement Act 2023, Schedule 5 where due to a particular supplier having intellectual property rights or other exclusive rights, only that supplier can supply the goods, services or works required, and there are no reasonable alternatives to those goods, services or works.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Private utility

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland