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Award

NISEP Programme Administrator

Utility Regulator (UREGNI)

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Scope

Reference

DAC 22/25

Description

The Northern Ireland Sustainable Energy Programme NISEP funds energy efficiency measures with most funding targeted at vulnerable customers. It is an 8 million fund collected annually from electricity customers through a public service obligation (PSO) levied on NIE Networks customers. The Department for the Economy DfE also uses NISEP as a vehicle to distribute additional government funding to support domestic energy efficiency. The UR are required to administer this scheme under NIE N's licence condition 43. The contract is for a supplier to act as a Programme Administrator for NISEP.

Contract 1. NISEP Programme Administrator

Supplier

- [ENERGY SAVING TRUST ENTERPRISES LIMITED](#)

Contract value

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

30 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2026 to 31 March 2028
- Possible extension to 31 March 2030
- 4 years, 2 months

Description of possible extension:

There are two options to extend; one year each.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 65000000 - Public utilities

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

Exclusions

If at any time during the procurement, or post award, it comes to the attention of the Contracting Authority (CA) or CPD, by whatever means, that a Supplier has become 'excluded' or 'excludable' as per Sec 57 of the PA 2023, the CA, after compliance with its obligations under the PA 23, reserves the right to exclude said Supplier from the procurement procedure or terminate any contract they have been awarded.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Single supplier - intellectual property or exclusive rights
- Additional or repeat goods, services or works - further goods, services or works following a competitive procedure

The supplier owns the intellectual property fundamental to administering the NISEP, this includes several tools/models that are unique and necessary to administer the scheme and accurately account for energy and carbon savings.

Given the level of expertise required and the difficulties replicating the intellectual property, it would be impractical to employ a new provider as a significant lead in time is necessary. The preparatory work required and overlapping nature of the NISEP years, coupled with the uncertainty surrounding any extension announcements, do not make it an attractive prospect for potential new Programme Administrators.

In addition to the impracticalities of contracting a new provider any transition would also involve some cost duplication with the supplier who at the very least is required to audit past schemes while another administrator would need to start afresh with developing the tool and accepting bids for the following year. It is vital that a robust framework is in place to ensure that the NISEP delivers VFM.

Supplier

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. NISEP Programme Administrator

Contracting authority

Utility Regulator (UREGNI)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWCB-8418-YTPD

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Belfast

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Email: SSDAdmin.CPD@finance-ni.gov.uk

Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

CPD - Supplies & Services Division

Summary of their role in this procurement: Construction and Procurement Delivery - Supplies and Services Division, is a Centre of Procurement Expertise and provides a central procurement function for central government in Northern Ireland

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Contact [CPD - Supplies & Services Division](#) for any enquiries.