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Tender

CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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Scope

Reference

CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy

Description

NIE Networks now wishes to award a Framework Agreement for Digital, IT and Data Services.

This procurement relates to Framework Digital, IT and Data Consultancy Services.

This framework agreement comprises of three Lots.

Lot 1 General Consultancy Services

Lot 2 Data Protection Consultancy Services

Lot 3 Independent EA Assurance Services

Following the procurement process, successful suppliers will be selected for each Lot and

placed on the Framework.

For further information and documentation, please visit eSourcingNI.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £6,560,000 excluding VAT
- £7,872,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 June 2026 to 30 June 2029
- Possible extension to 30 June 2033
- 7 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The Framework Agreement period is three years with the option, exercisable exclusively by NIE Networks, to extend for up to a further two x two years (four years).

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 72200000 - Software programming and consultancy services
- 72211000 - Programming services of systems and user software
- 72212000 - Programming services of application software
- 72212100 - Industry specific software development services
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72224100 - System implementation planning services
- 79610000 - Placement services of personnel

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Lot 1. CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy - General Consultancy Services

Description

This Lot is concerned with the engagement of organisations with extensive experience of providing Digital, Data & IT consultancy to large utility organisations.

Lot value (estimated)

- £6,560,000 excluding VAT
- £7,872,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy - Data Protection Consultancy Services

Description

This Lot is concerned with the engagement of organisations with extensive experience of providing Data Protection advice and guidance to large organisations.

Lot value (estimated)

- £6,560,000 excluding VAT
- £7,872,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy - Independent EA Assurance Services

Description

This Lot is concerned with the engagement of organisations with extensive experience of providing Independent EA Assurance services to large utility and/or regulated organisations.

Lot value (estimated)

- £6,560,000 excluding VAT
- £7,872,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations, contract dates and options are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

As specified within the RTP and/or tender documents available from the address specified within this notice with the reference project CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Submission

Enquiry deadline

10 November 2025, 3:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

19 November 2025, 3:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above mentioned address

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 June 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 30 June 2032

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Quality	As specified within the RTP and/or tender documents available from the address specified within this notice with the reference project CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy Tender	Quality
Price	As specified within the RTP and/or tender documents available from the address specified within this notice with the reference project CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy Tender	Price

Weighting description

As specified within the RTP and/or tender documents available from the address specified within this notice with the reference project CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy Tender

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

As specified within the RTP and/or tender documents available from the address specified within this notice with the reference project CA298 (2026) Digital, Data and IT Consultancy

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

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Contracting authority

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Private utility

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland