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Contract

CA260 (2024) - Provision of Engineering, Data, Strategy and Management Services

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

F06: Contract award notice – utilities

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04ac70

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Section I: Contracting entity

I.1) Name and addresses

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKN - Northern Ireland

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.6) Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

CA260 (2024) - Provision of Engineering, Data, Strategy and Management Services

Reference number

CA260

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73210000 - Research consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Provision of Engineering, Data, Strategy and Management Services.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £14,740,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 - Innovation and Engineering Consultancy

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314100 - Electrical services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71334000 - Mechanical and electrical engineering services
- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 72212460 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software development services
- 72212461 - Analytical or scientific software development services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has established a panel of five organisations and appointed each on to framework agreements for this Lot 1.

This Lot is concerned with professional services for Innovation and Engineering.

The framework will be for a period of five(5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework will be for a period of five (5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 – Telecommunications

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has placed a panel of 4 organisations and appointed each on to framework agreements for this Lot 2.

This Lot is concerned with the provision of Telecommunication Professional Services. .

The framework agreement will be for a period of five (5) years with an option to extend for

up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework will be for a period of five (5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 - Network Data Analysis

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314100 - Electrical services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71323100 - Electrical power systems design services
- 71335000 - Engineering studies

- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 72212460 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software development services
- 72212461 - Analytical or scientific software development services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has established a panel of five organisations and appointed each on to a framework agreement for this Lot 3.

This Lot is concerned with the provision of professional services for Network Data Analysis.

The framework agreement will be for a period of five(5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months(8 years in total).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework agreement will be for a period of five (5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 - DSO Architecture, Energy Economics, Regulation and Market Operation

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314100 - Electrical services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services
- 71323100 - Electrical power systems design services
- 71334000 - Mechanical and electrical engineering services
- 71335000 - Engineering studies
- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 72212460 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software development services
- 72212461 - Analytical or scientific software development services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has established a panel of five organisations and appointed each on to framework agreements for this Lot 4.

This Lot is concerned with professional services for DSO Architecture, Energy Economics, Regulation and Market Operation.

The framework will be for a period of five(5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework will be for a period of five (5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 5 - Asset Strategy & Optimisation

Lot No

5

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314100 - Electrical services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71323100 - Electrical power systems design services

- 71334000 - Mechanical and electrical engineering services
- 71335000 - Engineering studies
- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 72212460 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software development services
- 72212461 - Analytical or scientific software development services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has established a panel of five organisations and appointed each on to framework agreements for this Lot 5.

This Lot is concerned with professional services for Asset Strategy and Optimisation.

The framework will be for a period of five(5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework will be for a period of five (5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 6 - Low Carbon Modelling and Consumer Insights

Lot No

6

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314100 - Electrical services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services
- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 71323100 - Electrical power systems design services
- 71334000 - Mechanical and electrical engineering services
- 71335000 - Engineering studies
- 71620000 - Analysis services
- 72212460 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software development services
- 72212461 - Analytical or scientific software development services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has established a panel of three organisations and appointed each on to framework agreements for this Lot 6.

This Lot is concerned with professional services for Low Carbon Modelling and Consumer Insights. .

The framework will be for a period of five(5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework will be for a period of five (5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 7 - Tariff Design, Reform & Network Modelling

Lot No

7

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 71314100 - Electrical services
- 71314200 - Energy-management services
- 71314300 - Energy-efficiency consultancy services
- 71316000 - Telecommunication consultancy services

- 71323100 - Electrical power systems design services
- 71334000 - Mechanical and electrical engineering services
- 71335000 - Engineering studies
- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services
- 72212460 - Analytical, scientific, mathematical or forecasting software development services
- 72316000 - Data analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

NIE Networks has established a panel of two organisations and appointed each on to framework agreements for this Lot 7.

This Lot is concerned with professional services for Tariff Design, Reform and Network Modelling.

The framework will be for a period of five(5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The framework will be for a period of five (5) years with an option to extend for up to 36 months (8 years in total).

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-033245](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a periodic indicative notice

The contracting entity will not award any further contracts based on the above periodic indicative notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA260 (2024)

Lot No

1

Title

Lot 1 - Innovation and Engineering

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Turner & Townsend

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young LLP

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ricardo AEA Ltd

West Sussex

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Analytic Engines

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

EA Technology Ltd

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £6,710,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA260 2024

Lot No

2

Title

Lot 2 - Telecommunications

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young LLP

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CGI IT UK Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Accenture UK Ltd

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Analysys Mason

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,430,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA260 (2024)

Lot No

3

Title

Network Data Analysis

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

VE3 Global

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Turner & Townsend Ltd

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young LLP

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Decision Lab UK Ltd

Leicestershire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Analytic Engines

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £2,200,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA260 2024

Lot No

4

Title

DSO Architecture, Energy Economics, Regulation and Market Operation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young LLP

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KPMG

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Accenture UK Ltd

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Afry Management Consulting UK Ltd

Oxford

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Frontier Economics

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,320,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA260 2024

Lot No

5

Title

Asset Strategy & Optimisation

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 5

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Turner & Townsend Ltd

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young LLP

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KPMG

Dublin

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

EA Technology

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Threepwood Consulting

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,100,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA260 2024

Lot No

6

Title

Low Carbon Modelling and Consumer Insights

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 4

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Ernst & Young LLP

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Accenture UK Ltd

Dublin 2

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Frontier Economics

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,100,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

CA260 2024

Lot No

7

Title

Tariff Design, Reform & Network Modelling

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KPMG

Dublin 2

Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE - Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Frontier Economics Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKN - Northern Ireland

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £880,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Northern Ireland Electricity Networks Limited

120 Malone Road

Belfast

BT9 5HT

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

High Court in Northern Ireland

Royal Courts of justice, Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JY

Country

United Kingdom