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## **SONI074 DS3 System Services – Volume Capped – Gate 14**

SONI Ltd

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

SONI074

### **Description**

Following review by the Regulatory Authorities of the TSOs' Report on Ensuring a Secure, Reliable and Efficient Power System in July

2011 the TSOs were requested by the SEM Committee to put in place a programme of work to solve the challenges associated with

increased levels of penetration of variable non-synchronous renewable generation.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £34,450,000 excluding VAT

- £41,340,004 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026
- Possible extension to 31 December 2026
- 9 months

Description of possible extension:

Option for TSO to extend the term of its Contract in respect of any or all of its applicable Lots in certain defined cases, at the discretion of the Contracting Entity. This option might apply where, for instance, there is a delay in completing the procurement for any subsequent phases envisaged under the DS3 Programme.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 71314000 - Energy and related services

### **Contract locations**

- UKN - Northern Ireland

### **Lot constraints**

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Based on responses to Technical Questionnaire

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## **Lot 1. POR L1NI - Primary Operating Reserve**

### **Description**

Primary Operating Reserve or 'POR' has the meaning given to it in the grid code

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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

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## **Lot 2. SOR L2NI - Secondary Operating Reserve**

### **Description**

Secondary Operating reserve or 'SOR' has the meaning given to it in the grid code

**Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

**Same for all lots**

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

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**Lot 3. TOR1 L3NI - Tertiary 1 Operating Reserve****Description**

Tertiary 1 operating reserve or 'TOR1' has the meaning given to it in the grid code.

**Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

**Same for all lots**

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

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**Lot 4. TOR2 L4NI - Tertiary 2 Operating Reserve**

**Description**

Tertiary 2 operating reserve or 'TOR2' has the meaning given to it in the grid code

**Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

**Same for all lots**

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

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**Lot 5. RRD L5NI - Replacement Reserve (De-Synchronised)****Description**

RR (De-synchronised)' means replacement reserve provided by the providing unit when:

- (i) not Synchronised to the power system in the case of a synchronous providing unit, or
- (ii) when connected to the power system and operating at a level less or equal to 0 MW in the case of an energy storage providing unit, or
- (ii) when connected to the power system in the case of a demand side unit

**Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

## **Same for all lots**

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

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## **Lot 6. RRS L6NI - Replacement Reserve (Synchronised)**

### **Description**

RR (Synchronised)' means Replacement Reserve provided by the Providing Unit when:

- (i) synchronised to the power system in the case of a synchronous providing unit, or
- (ii) when connected to the power system and operating at a level greater than 0 MW in the case of an energy storage providing unit or

power park module.

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### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

## **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 7. SSRP L7NI - Steady State Reactive Power**

## Description

Steady-state reactive power or 'SSRP' means reactive power capability (Leading) and reactive power capability

## Lot value (estimated)

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

## Same for all lots

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## Lot 8. SIR L8NI - Synchronous Inertial Respons

## Description

Synchronous Inertial Response (SIR) is the kinetic energy (at a Frequency of 50 Hz) of a centrally dispatched synchronous providing unit multiplied by the SIR factor (SIRF)

## Lot value (estimated)

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

## Same for all lots

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## **Lot 9. RM1 L9NI - Ramping Margin 1 Hour**

### **Description**

Ramping Margin 1 is the increased MW Output and/or MW Reduction that a providing unit can provide to the company within one hour of the company issuing a dispatch instruction to a service provider and that the providing unit can maintain for a further two hours after the one hour period has elapsed. It is limited by the lowest availability in that three hour period.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 10. RM3 L10NI - Ramping Margin 3 Hour**

### **Description**

Ramping Margin 3 is the increased MW Output and/or MW reduction that a providing unit can provide to the company within three hours of the company issuing a dispatch instruction to a service provider and that the providing unit can maintain for a further 5 hours after the 3 hour period has elapsed. It is limited by the lowest availability in that 8



hour period

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 11. RM8 L11NI - Ramping Margin 8 Hour**

### **Description**

Ramping Margin 8 is the increased MW Output and/or MW reduction that a providing unit can provide to the company within eight hours of the company issuing a dispatch instruction to a service provider and that the providing unit can maintain for a further 8 hours after the 8 hour period has elapsed. It is limited by the lowest availability in that 16 hour period.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,833 excluding VAT
- £3,445,000 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 12. FFR L12NI - Fast Frequency Response**

### **Description**

Fast Frequency Response (FFR) is the additional MW Output or MW reduction required compared to the pre- incident MW output or MW reduction, which is fully available from a providing unit within 2 seconds after the start of an event and sustainable up to 10 seconds after the start of the event.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £2,870,837 excluding VAT
- £3,445,004 including VAT

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

**Lot 1. POR L1NI - Primary Operating Reserve**

**Lot 2. SOR L2NI - Secondary Operating Reserve**

**Lot 3. TOR1 L3NI - Tertiary 1 Operating Reserve**

**Lot 4. TOR2 L4NI - Tertiary 2 Operating Reserve**

**Lot 5. RRD L5NI - Replacement Reserve (De-Synchronised)**

**Lot 6. RRS L6NI - Replacement Reserve (Synchronised)**

**Lot 7. SSRP L7NI - Steady State Reactive Power**

**Lot 8. SIR L8NI - Synchronous Inertial Respons**

**Lot 9. RM1 L9NI - Ramping Margin 1 Hour**

**Lot 10. RM3 L10NI - Ramping Margin 3 Hour**

**Lot 11. RM8 L11NI - Ramping Margin 8 Hour**

**Lot 12. FFR L12NI - Fast Frequency Response**

Please refer to Request for Proposal

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

**Lot 1. POR L1NI - Primary Operating Reserve**

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Please refer to Technical Questionnaire

## **Particular suitability**

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Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

18 December 2025, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

15 January 2026, 12:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

[www.mytenders.co.uk](http://www.mytenders.co.uk)

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

4 March 2026

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### **Award criteria**

#### **Lot 1. POR L1NI - Primary Operating Reserve**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
Technical Questionnaire	Refer to RFP	Quality
Legal	Refer to RFP	Quality

### **Weighting description**

Technical Compliance and Legal

#### **Lot 2. SOR L2NI - Secondary Operating Reserve**

#### **Lot 3. TOR1 L3NI - Tertiary 1 Operating Reserve**

#### **Lot 4. TOR2 L4NI - Tertiary 2 Operating Reserve**

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
Technical Questionnaire	Refer to RFP	Quality
Legal	Refer to RFP	Quality

**Weighting description**

Technical Compliance and Legal

**Lot 8. SIR L8NI - Synchronous Inertial Respons**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>
Technical Questionnaire	Refer to RFP	Quality

**Weighting description**

Technical Compliance and Legal

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**Other information****Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

## **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

### **Special regime**

Utilities

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## **Contracting authority**

### **SONI Ltd**

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Region: UKN0E - Lisburn and Castlereagh

Organisation type: Private utility

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland