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UK-London: IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

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PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE

Services

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

I.1) NAME, ADDRESSES AND CONTACT POINT(S)

Department of Energy and Climate Change (DECC)

3 Whitehall Place

Attn: Andrew Wilson

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UNITED KINGDOM

E-mail: dcc.services.procurement@decc.gsi.gov.uk

Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority <http://www.decc.gov.uk>

Address of the buyer profile http://www.decc.gov.uk/en/content/cms/what_we_do/consumers/smart_meters/smart_meters.aspx

Further information can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY AND MAIN ACTIVITY OR ACTIVITIES

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions

Environment

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities Yes

SECTION II.B: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT (SUPPLIES OR SERVICES)

II.1) TITLE ATTRIBUTED TO THE CONTRACT BY THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

Smart metering implementation programme – data and communications.

II.2) TYPE OF CONTRACT AND PLACE OF DELIVERY OR OF PERFORMANCE

Service category: No 5

NUTS code UK

II.3) SHORT DESCRIPTION OF NATURE AND QUANTITY OR VALUE OF SUPPLIES OR SERVICES

The primary purpose of this prior information notice (PIN) is to inform the markets of prospective opportunities in connection with the GB Smart Metering Implementation Programme (SMIP) and to seek feedback on our proposed approach.

The UK Government is committed to every home in Great Britain having smart energy meters, empowering people to manage their energy consumption and reduce their carbon emissions. Businesses and public sector users will also have smart or advanced energy metering suited to their needs. The rollout of smart meters will play an important role in Great Britain's transition to a low-carbon economy, and help us meet some of the long-term challenges we face in ensuring an affordable, secure and sustainable energy supply.

Communication of data to and from smart meters in the domestic sector will be managed centrally by a new, GB-wide function covering both the electricity and gas sectors. We refer to this new function as the central data and communications company (DCC).

The new central data and communications function will provide a two-way communications channel between smart meters and a central communications hub to which smart meter data users (suppliers, network companies and other authorised third parties) will have access for specified purposes.

In order for DCC to provide services to its users it will be required to contract for a number of IT (data) and communication services.

In advance of the appointment of the DCC, it is intended that DECC would initiate the process for procurement of the data and communication services that will be contracted to DCC.

We are interested to hear from parties who wish to be considered for the data and communications service provision contracts or that have an interest in the SMIP so that we may include those parties in the circulation of information about the SMIP and seek input in a number of areas in order to inform the process for procurement of the services.

The process for seeking input will comprise of the issue of a Project Information Memorandum (PIM) setting out our proposed approach for the procurement of the data and communications services, an 'Industry Day' and completion of a data and communication services questionnaire by interested market participants. The Industry Day, where DECC will provide briefing on the SMIP, will be held in London in June.

Interested parties should in the first instance respond to this PIN and express their wish to receive further information and to participate in the data and communication services questionnaire. The form of response should be limited to the provision of a single point of contact (name, job title, email address and phone number). Responses should be received by DECC by 1.6.2011.

Division into lots No

- II.4) **COMMON PROCUREMENT VOCABULARY (CPV)**
72000000, 32430000, 64210000, 72318000
- II.5) **SCHEDULED DATE FOR START OF AWARD PROCEDURES**
- II.6) **CONTRACT COVERED BY THE GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT AGREEMENT (GPA)**
No
- II.7) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

- III.1) **CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT**
- III.1.1) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them**
- III.2) **CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**
- III.2.1) **Reserved contracts**
No

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

- VI.1) **CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY COMMUNITY FUNDS**
No
- VI.2) **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Potential bidders will not be prejudiced by any response to this PIN, or failure to respond. This PIN does not formally signify the beginning of a procurement and does not constitute a commitment by DECC to undertake any procurement exercise. Any future procurement exercise may include a provision for division into lots. In the event that DECC decides to formally commence the procurement of data and communications services under the SMIP a separate notice will be issued. GO Reference: GO-201159-PRO-2352795.

VI.3) **INFORMATION ON GENERAL REGULATORY FRAMEWORK**

Relevant governmental Internet sites where information can be obtained

Tax legislation: Tax legislation: <http://www.hmrc.gov.uk>.

Environmental protection legislation: Electricity and Gas regulation: <http://www.ofgem.gov.uk>.

Employment protection and working conditions: Communications regulation: <http://www.ofcom.org.uk>.

VI.4) **DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:**

9.5.2011