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**UK-London: IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
2011/S 165-273114**

CONTRACT NOTICE

Services

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

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

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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/tackling/smart_meters/dcc/dcc.aspx

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

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained at: As in above-mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to: 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: OBJECT OF THE CONTRACT

II.1) DESCRIPTION

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Smart metering implementation programme - Data Services.

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category: No 7

NUTS code UK

II.1.3) The notice involves

A public contract

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support. Software package and information systems. Custom software development services. Data-processing services. The UK Government has an objective for every home in Great Britain (GB) to have smart energy meters, empowering people to manage

their energy consumption and reduce their carbon emissions. Businesses and public sector users would also have smart or advanced energy metering suited to their needs. The rollout of smart meters will play an important role in GB'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). In advance of the appointment of the DCC licence holder through a competitive licence application process, DECC is initiating the process for procurement of the data and communication services that will be contracted to DCC. For the avoidance of doubt, although DECC (referred to as 'the Authority') will be administering the procurement process, the services will be provided to DCC and it is intended that DCC would take over the procurement from DECC and sign the contracts. As such DECC has therefore elected to voluntarily follow the broad principles of the competitive dialogue procedure. This contract notice covers the procurement of data services for DCC to manage smart meter information from over 30 million households and businesses across GB. This will include developing and implementing the software solutions, hosting of the software implemented and application management services. It will also include integrating the data services and meter communications services, and ensuring operability with the IT systems of DCC's users. Bidders should register their request to participate in relation to this contract notice by 17:00 on 14.10.2011 (as specified in section IV.3.4 of this notice). Registration should be by way of submitting a completed Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ). Instructions for the submission of PQQ responses will be provided within the PQQ. The PQQ and prospectus will be provided to bidders on receipt of a properly formatted email request to dcc.services.procurement@decc.gsi.gov.uk providing the following information: Subject: Request to receive smart metering data services PQQ Organisation name: (Organisation) Single point of contact (SPOC): (Name) SPOC job title: (title) SPOC email address: (email) SPOC contact telephone: (number) Copies of the PQQ and prospectus will be issued on request, and will be available from 9.9.2011. The deadline to submit clarification questions in relation to this contract notice or the PQQ is 9:00 on 26.9.2011, further instructions will be provided within the PQQ. For the avoidance of doubt, expressions of interest received to the smart metering implementation programme's previous Prior Information Notice (2011/S 91-148947, 9.5.2011) will not be carried forward. Bidders must expressly respond to this contract notice if they wish to register their interest to participate and to receive a PQQ. A separate contract notice has been issued for smart metering communications services. Bidders wishing to bid for data services and communications services must respond to each contract notice separately. Responses to the PQQ will be used to select and limit (as detailed in section IV.1.2 of this notice) the number of bidders who will be invited to participate in dialogue It is suggested that bidders request their relevant IT department to add the domain '@decc.gsi.gov.uk' to their 'safe senders list'. This should prevent any communications from the smart metering implementation programme being treated as spam which could result in delayed or lost communications.

II.1.6) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

72000000, 48000000, 72230000, 72310000

II.1.7) **Contract covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

Yes

II.1.8) **Division into lots**

No

II.1.9) **Variants will be accepted**

II.2) **QUANTITY OR SCOPE OF THE CONTRACT**

II.2.1) **Total quantity or scope**

The Authority's requirements (on behalf of DCC) for the data services will include the following work packages:

— Systems Integration and Implementation – IT system integration services to develop and integrate the software solutions/applications required for DCC to meet its requirement of providing access control; translation and scheduling; implementation and testing of the data systems including the integration between the communications and data services, and cross-industry testing (testing processes and procedures to be developed) to prove that DCC's systems will inter-operate with the systems of other industry parties and DCC service users,

— IT Hosting – The provision of IT infrastructure (data centres, computer servers etc.) on a managed service basis (hosting provider owns, maintains and operates the computing infrastructure and provides it to DCC on managed service terms),

— Application Management Services (AMS) – The support and maintenance of the software solutions/applications once they have been implemented.

There will be a requirement for DCC and its service providers' sites and systems, necessary for data services, to be located in GB and all data to be stored and/or processed within the European Economic Area.

The Authority expects that all three work packages will be awarded to a single bidder through a single contract with break clauses between work packages.

The Authority expects the contract term will be in the range of between 7 to 9 years from contract award and will be extendable by one or more subsequent terms up to a maximum additional term of 3 years.

The total value of the contract will depend on the contracted term (i.e. 7 to 9 years plus possible extensions), but is expected to be in a range between 60 000 000 GBP and 240 000 000 GBP (60 000 000 and 240 000 000 GBP) including possible extensions exclusive of VAT.

II.2.2) **Options**

Yes

description of these options: Range of renewals: Between 1 and 3. Contract term can be extended by a maximum of 3 years.

provisional timetable for recourse to these options: in months: (from the award of the contract)

II.3) **DURATION OF THE CONTRACT OR TIME-LIMIT FOR COMPLETION**

Duration in months: 144 (from the award of the contract)

SECTION III: LEGAL, ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION

III.1) **CONDITIONS RELATING TO THE CONTRACT**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required**

The Authority reserves the right to require deposits, guarantees, bonds or other forms of appropriate security, Further details will be provided in the tender documents.

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions regulating them**

The successful bidder for the data services contract will be required to fund the system development and infrastructure that may be needed, and to levy a service charge to DCC. Further details will be provided in the tender documents issued at the relevant stage of the procurement process.

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

Where a consortium wishes to bid the Authority reserves the right to require groupings of suppliers to take a particular legal form or to require a single supplier to take primary liability or to require that each party undertakes joint and severable liability irrespective of the form the grouping takes.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject**

Yes

DCC will be subject to a specific set of licence conditions which will include a requirement to comply with the future Smart Energy Code (SEC). Service providers must support DCC in meeting its contractual and regulatory obligations.

In the Government's response to the July 2010 Prospectus for the Smart Metering Implementation Programme (published on 30.3.2011 jointly by the Authority and OFGEM), it was stated that DCC will be independent of its service providers. As this procurement process and the DCC licence process will be undertaken in parallel, organisations selected to participate in dialogue for data services will not be eligible to bid for the DCC licence. The Authority anticipates that DCC will require assurance services to audit and provide assurance that the overall solution complies with the security framework and other relevant standards for smart metering services. Should DCC choose to let a contract for these services, the data service provider and its contractors will be excluded from providing such services to DCC.

Compliance with EU and UK legislation and policy objectives including in relation to Health and Safety, environmental considerations and equal opportunities. Appropriate professional indemnity insurance.

The Authority shall not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by bidders and accept no liability for any costs, charges or expenses, irrespective of the outcome of the competition, or if the competition is cancelled or postponed. Bidding and bid costs are entirely at the risk of bidders and will not be refunded by the Authority.

III.2) **CONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATION**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met: In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) and as set out in the PQQ. Minimum level(s) of standards required as set out in the PQQ.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial capacity**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) and as set out in the PQQ.

Minimum level(s) of standards required as set out in the PQQ.

III.2.3) **Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if requirements are met:

In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) and as set out in the PQQ. Minimum level(s) of standards required as set out in the PQQ.

III.2.4) **Reserved contracts**

No

III.3) **CONDITIONS SPECIFIC TO SERVICES CONTRACTS**

III.3.1) **Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession**

No

III.3.2) **Legal entities should indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff responsible for the execution of the service**

SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) **TYPE OF PROCEDURE**

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Competitive dialogue

IV.1.2) **Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

Envisaged minimum number 3 maximum number 8

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2006 (as amended) and as set out in the PQQ.

The Authority reserves the right to limit the number of suppliers who will be invited to participate in dialogue to a maximum of 8 on the basis of their responses to the PQQ provided that they satisfy the minimum standards required as set out in the PQQ.

IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated Yes

IV.2) AWARD CRITERIA

IV.2.1) Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) An electronic auction will be used

No

IV.3) ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

1713-06-09

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

Prior information notice

Notice number in OJ: [2011/S 91-148947](#) of 9.5.2011

IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents

IV.3.4) Time-limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

14.10.2011 - 17:00

IV.3.5) Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English.

IV.3.7) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

IV.3.8) Conditions for opening tenders

SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.1) THIS IS A RECURRENT PROCUREMENT

No

VI.2) CONTRACT RELATED TO A PROJECT AND/OR PROGRAMME FINANCED BY EU FUNDS

No

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

GO Reference: GO-2011826-PRO-2589617.

VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR APPEAL

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: The Authority will as soon as possible after the decision has been made inform tenderers and candidates of its decision to award the contract and provide the information required by regulation 32 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006. It will observe the standstill

period required by regulation 32A of those Regulations. The Regulations provide that where a duty owed to economic operators is not observed by the Contracting Authority the breach is actionable in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months).

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.5) **DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE:**

26.8.2011