

United Kingdom-Belfast: IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support  
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Contract notice – utilities  
Services

Directive 2004/17/EC

## Section I: Contracting entity

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### I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Viridian Group Ltd

Postal address: Procurement Section, Greenwood House, 64 Newforge Lane

Town: Belfast

Postal code: BT9 5NF

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: Jim Clendinning, Service Delivery and Contracts Manager

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#### Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting entity: <http://www.viridiangroup.co.uk>

#### Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:** the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address

### I.2. Main activity

Electricity

### I.3. Contract award on behalf of other contracting entities

The contracting entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting entities: yes

Official name: Viridian Group Limited is the contracting authority for the purposes of this project and the procurement process. Viridian Group is procuring the contract on behalf of Power NI and Energia Group and their affiliated subsidiaries and trading entities (“Participating Organisations”) that are wholly owned by Viridian Group Limited and Viridian Power and Energy Holdings Limited

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## Section II: Object of the contract

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### II.1. Description

#### II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting entity

Provision of Resource Support Services.

#### II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 7: Computer and related services

Main site or place of performance: Belfast, Northern Ireland.  
NUTS code UKN0 Northern Ireland,UKN01 Belfast

### **II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

### **II.1.4. Information about framework agreement**

Framework agreement with several operators

Number Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 15

#### **Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in years: 4

#### **Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT

Range: between 4 000 000 and 6 000 000 GBP

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

Supply of services through specified personnel with appropriate IT and business skills with experience of IT systems development work, including the preparation of investment business cases, business analysis, specification of requirements, system design and implementation, system upgrades, data migration, testing, related IT quality assurance and also building web based and mobile applications. Management consultancy support with specialist utility expertise to support the implementation of new policy initiatives within the Electricity and Gas sectors is also required. Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.

Applicants will be assessed in accordance with Part 4 of the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006, as amended, on the basis of information provided in response to a pre-qualification questionnaire ('PQQ') in line with those instructions outlined in the Project Information Memorandum (PIM). Copies of the PIM and PPQ are available on request by email to [procurement@viridiangroup.co.uk](mailto:procurement@viridiangroup.co.uk), which will issue login details for electronic access. Completed PQQs must be returned to Viridian, electronically at the address in section I.1) before the deadline specified in section IV.3.4) below. Viridian currently envisages appointing approximately 15 participants to the framework agreement.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support, 72200000 Software programming and consultancy services, 72400000 Internet services, 72500000 Computer-related services, 72600000 Computer support and consultancy services, 79400000 Business and management consultancy and related services

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### **II.1.8. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

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

Estimated at up to 6 000 000 GBP.

Estimated value excluding VAT  
Range: between 4 000 000 and 6 000 000 GBP

## **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: no

## **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

This contract is subject to renewal: no

## **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Start 9.5.2016 Completion 8.5.2020

Information about lots

Lot No: 1

Lot title: Lot 1 Business Systems Development Resources

### **1) Short description**

This lot will be used to obtain business system development services through specified personnel, including IT system developers, technical architects, solution architects and technical analysts.

### **2) CPV code(s)**

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### **3) Quantity or scope**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.  
Estimated value excluding VAT  
Range: between 1 000 000 and 1 500 000 GBP

### **5) Additional information about lots**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.

Lot No: 2

Lot title: 2. Web and Mobile Applications Development Resources

### **1) Short description**

This lot will be used to obtain web site design and build services through specified personnel, including both web and mobile application developers.

### **2) CPV code(s)**

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### **3) Quantity or scope**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.  
Estimated value excluding VAT  
Range: between 500 000 and 750 000 GBP

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### **Additional information about lots**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.

Lot No: 3

Lot title: 3. Software Testing and Quality Assurance

#### **1) Short description**

This lot will be used to obtain software testing and quality assurance services through specified personnel, with expertise in the complete IT systems implementations test management cycle.

#### **2) CPV code(s)**

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#### **3) Quantity or scope**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.

Estimated value excluding VAT

Range: between 500 000 and 750 000 GBP

Lot No: 4

Lot title: 4. Project Resourcing

#### **1) Short description**

This lot will be used to obtain services through specified personnel, in order meet any shortfall in project personnel experienced by Viridian and will include project managers, Project Management Office (PMO) support personnel, business analysts and trainers.

#### **2) CPV code(s)**

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#### **3) Quantity or scope**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.

Estimated value excluding VAT

Range: between 1 000 000 and 1 500 000 GBP

#### **5) Additional information about lots**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Specialised Utility Consultants

#### **1) Short description**

This lot will be used to obtain management consulting services through specified personnel from suppliers with specialist utility expertise e.g. market consultants, energy trading advisors, economists and modellers.

#### **2) CPV code(s)**

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**3) Quantity or scope**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.

Estimated value excluding VAT

Range: between 1 000 000 and 1 500 000 GBP

**5) Additional information about lots**

Further information will be provided in the Project Information Memorandum.

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**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

**III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

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

Viridian's particular requirements will be set out in the Invitation to Tender documentation and in particular the Framework Services Agreement.

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

To be determined. Further details will be set out in the Invitation to Tender documentation.

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

The procurement of this Framework Agreement will be undertaken utilising the Restricted Procedure pursuant to the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006. Viridian Group wishes to appoint a number of organisations that are able to demonstrate the capability of providing the range of services for each lot.

**III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: Details are described in the Project Information Memorandum (PIM) which will be available to any Applicant that registers and on request by email to [procurement@viridiangroup.co.uk](mailto:procurement@viridiangroup.co.uk)

**III.2. Conditions for participation**

**III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: Details are described in the Project Information Memorandum (PIM) and Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) which will be available to any Applicant that registers and on request by email to [procurement@viridiangroup.co.uk](mailto:procurement@viridiangroup.co.uk)

**III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Details are described in the PIM and PQQ which will be available to any Applicant that registers and on request by email to [procurement@viridiangroup.co.uk](mailto:procurement@viridiangroup.co.uk)

**III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Details of the evaluation criteria and information required from Applicants are included in the PIM and PQQ.

#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

#### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

##### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

##### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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#### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

##### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Restricted

#### **IV.2. Award criteria**

##### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

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

##### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

##### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting entity**

VG14004

##### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

no

##### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents**

(except for a DPS)

Payable documents: no

##### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

1.3.2016 - 15:00

##### **IV.3.5. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

##### **IV.3.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

##### **IV.3.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**

### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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#### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Envisaged this Framework Agreement will be re-procured every 4 years.

**VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

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

**VI.3. Additional information**

**VI.4. Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1. Review body**

**VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: Viridian will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. Applicants which are unsuccessful shall be informed by Viridian as soon as possible after the decision has been made as to the reasons why the Applicant was unsuccessful. If an appeal regarding the award of the contract has not been successfully resolved, The Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006 provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales, and Northern Ireland). Any such action must generally be brought within 3 months. If a declaration of ineffectiveness is sought, any such action must be brought within 30 days where Viridian has communicated the award of the contract and a summary of reasons to tenderers, or otherwise within 6 months of the contract being entered into. Where a contract has not been entered into, the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order Viridian to amend any documents and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may, depending on the circumstances, award damages, make a declaration of ineffectiveness, order Viridian to pay a fine, and/or order that the duration of the contract/s be shortened. The purpose of the standstill period referred to above is to allow the parties to apply to the Courts to set aside the award decision before the contract is entered into.

**VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: see Section 1 Contracting Authority for details of Viridian Group Ltd contacts

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

4.2.2016