

IRL-Tallaght: Financial consultancy services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The RAs c/o Commission for Energy Regulation

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Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.cer.ie>

Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

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

I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Other: Regulatory Authorities

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

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

011-03-271 - Consultancy Advice on Implementing the Target Model in the SEM and recommending required changes to the SEM High Level Design

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

Services

Service category No 27: Other services

Main site or place of performance: Dublin, Dundalk, Belfast.

NUTS code IE Éire / Ireland

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

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

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

The Commission for Energy Regulation (CER) and the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation (or Utility Regulator (UR)), known as the Regulatory Authorities (or RAs) have developed an all-island Single Electricity Market (SEM) which came into operation on 1st November 2007. European Heads of State and Governments have pledged to create an internal market for electricity by 2014. Throughout the European Union, national electricity markets are being reviewed to align with a common European 'Target Model' for cross border capacity allocation and congestion management upon which the Internal Electricity Market is to be founded. Detailed rules that give legal effect to this Target Model are expected to be binding on all EU internal borders by 2014.

The Single Electricity Market (SEM) operating in Ireland and Northern Ireland will require significant modifications to its high level design to implement the Target Model. The magnitude of change required for the SEM to achieve this is considered to be greater than for most other markets in Europe owing to its centralised, gross mandatory pool design which differs in a number of key respects from the prevailing market design in most other European Member States. At its February 2013 meeting, following discussions with respective Government departments, the SEM Committee approved a Decision Paper confirming the next steps in the project to implement the target model in SEM. This was published on 15th February 2013. The SEM Regulatory Authorities (RAs) now invites tenders for experienced electricity market design consultants to advise the RAs on implementing the requirements of the EU's Electricity Target Model.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

66171000 Financial consultancy services, 71621000 Technical analysis or consultancy services, 72220000 Systems and technical consultancy services, 79311400 Economic research services

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

It is envisaged that the key outputs will be the following;

Consultation Paper:

It is expected that the Consultation Paper will put forward a number of coherent end to end market design options for the SEM redesign. Each option will be assessed against the SEM high level principles and should be consistent with the decisions in the SEM Committee Decision on Next Steps (SEM-13-009). These options should be sufficiently developed to allow SEM Committee, stakeholders and participants to be in a position to understand how the market will work, differ from SEM, interact with neighbouring markets and consider the impacts on generators, suppliers and consumers, notwithstanding that the detailed design rules will remain to be developed in the detailed design/implementation phase of the project.

Draft Decision Paper:

It is expected that the Draft Decision Paper will consider the responses received to the consultation and on this basis recommend to SEM RAs a sufficiently detailed preferred market design option(s) with associated impacts and costs and benefits as appropriate.

Decision Paper:

The final SEM Committee Decision Paper will take the responses received the Draft decision into consideration and should set out the revised High Level design of the SEM. It is expected that there will be a considerable level of detail on the design of the market in the high level design. The high level design should be clear on how the various market timeframes for trading in revised SEM design will operate. If the final decision is to maintain a capacity remuneration mechanism the high level design of this mechanism should also be outlined. Market power mitigation measures or requirements for same should also be considered. The high level design should be sufficiently detailed and understandable to enable evaluation but the detailed design of rules as happened in the original design of SEM will take place after the high level design document is published.

Timeframe:

Engagement with SEM RAs / TSO / Departments': June 2013

Stakeholder Engagement and paper drafting: June to August 2013

Consultation Paper on High Level Design : September 2013

Consideration of Responses and redrafting of HLD: September 2013 –February 2014

Draft Decision Paper on High Level Design: February 2014

Consideration of Responses and development of final Decision Paper: February – May 2014

Decision Paper on High Level Design: May 2014

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

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

Duration in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

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

Tender prices must be submitted in both Euro and Great Britain Pounds. Rates quoted in Euro will be used for the comparison between the applicants.

Tenderers should note that the CER or UR will bear the costs of the consultancy in the proportions: 50% to the CER and 50% to the UR.

All fees and expenses shall have to be invoiced separately to the CER and UR in these proportions.

All invoices issued to the CER will be in Euro and subject to Irish VAT and Withholding Tax. All invoices issued to UR will be in Sterling and subject to Northern Ireland VAT. The rates quoted in the tender will be the rate used throughout the life of the contract. The CER or UR will not be liable for any exposure resulting from changes in exchange rates.

The liability of the CER and UR for the payment of all fees and expenses shall be severable, not joint and severable. On no account will either the CER or UR be accountable for any fees and expenses incurred by the other.

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

A grouping, if successful, must contract as a single entity, having joint and severable liability.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

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: All tenderers are required to complete a Declaration of Bona Fides pursuant to Article 45 EU Directive 2001/1/EC (See Appendix B of Request for Tender).

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: Please refer to Section 4.1 of the Request for Tender document, available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie, for relevant conditions with respect to Qualification Criteria applicable to this contract.

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

Please refer to Section 4.1 of the Request for Tender document, available to download from www.etenders.gov.ie, for relevant conditions with respect to Qualification Criteria applicable to this contract.

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: yes

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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 authority

011-03-271

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Payable documents: no

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

2.5.2013 - 12:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

Other: GA

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

Duration in days: 160 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 2.5.2013 - 12:00

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

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

To receive more information about this tender, including any amendments and/or clarifications and to request any clarifications and/or to respond to this tender, you must register your interest to this tender on the following site: https://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlentrance_s.asp?PID=64149&B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: The High Court

Postal address: Chief Registrar, Four Courts, Inns Quay

Town: Dublin

Postal code: 7
Country: Ireland
Internet address: <http://www.courts.ie>

VI.4.2. Review procedure

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

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

22.3.2013