

**France-Paris la Défense: Construction work**  
**OJ S 76/2021 20/04/2021**  
**Contract notice – utilities**  
**Works**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/25/EU

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**Section I: Contracting entity**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: INELFE — Interconexión Eléctrica Francia-España

Postal address: c/o RTE — Immuable WINDOW – 7C Place du Dôme

Town: Paris la Défense

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Main address: [www.inelfe.eu](http://www.inelfe.eu)

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com/fr/login.html>

**I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <http://www.inelfe.eu>

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com/fr/login.html>

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

**I.6. Main activity**

Electricity

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1. Title**

INELFE — Biscay Gulf — Electrical Interconnection FR-SP — Terrestrial Civil Works (4 X HVDC 400 kV Cables and 2 X Fiber Optic Cable)

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

45000000 Construction work

**II.1.3.**

## **Type of contract**

Works

### **II.1.4. Short description**

The Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection (BGE) consists of the construction of a 2 000 MW link. This link is composed of two (2) circuits rated 1 000 MW each for DC operating voltage of 400 kV, in total comprised of four (4) power cables, four (4) converter station terminals located close to 400 kV Gatica substation (Spain) and Cubnezais substation (France). The length of the route is estimated to be approximately 400 km long starting in Spanish País Vasco region (near Bilbao) to an ending point in Nouvelle Aquitaine (Gironde department, near Bordeaux). The interconnection is composed of underground cables with total approximate route length of 115 km and submarine cables with total approximate route length of 285 km.

The 'BGE' is a joint project developed by INELFE on behalf of Réseau Transport d'Electricité (RTE) and Red Eléctrica de España (REE) respectively the transmission system operators in France and Spain.

The project is supported by the European Union's Connecting Europe.

### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

45231400 Construction work for electricity power lines

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: ES España

NUTS code: FR France

Main site or place of performance: País Vasco region in Spain and Nouvelle Aquitaine – Gironde department in France.

### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

Terrestrial Civil Works designated for the installation of four (4) power cables ducts plus optic fiber cables ducts of a total underground cable route length of approximately 15 km in Spanish side (landfall works excluded) and 100 km in French side (landfall works excluded).

The scope includes the design (including detail design), engineering, procurement and construction (including trenchless solution to cross Dordogne and Garonne rivers in France and smaller sections in Spain). The lengths given are approximate and may be varied for route adjustments.

The applicants must note that to perform the works, the economic operator must be qualified for the referenced type of works in the RTE qualification system or in the REE qualification system. For the execution the works in the territory where the applicant is not qualified, the applicant shall entirely subcontract to qualified subcontractor(s) related to the relevant territory (Spain or France respectively). This qualification is required for the applicant at time of request to participate and shall be maintained valid until the completion of works.

Further detail of the scope of the contract shall be provided in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents.

The contracting entity will be INELFE in its name and on behalf of REE and RTE as a central purchasing body.

### **II.2.5.**

### **Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

#### **II.2.6. Estimated value**

#### **II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start: 10/05/2023 End: 25/08/2025

This contract is subject to renewal: no

#### **II.2.9. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

#### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

#### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

Further details will be provided in ITT.

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: yes

Identification of the project: Biscay gulf electrical interconnection FR-ES — Connecting Europe Facility programme — Trans-European Energy (ref. 2.7-0013-FRES-W-M-17).

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

Official communications shall be conducted via message board on the project's e-sourcing platform. All communications throughout the tender process related to the INELFE Biscay of Gulf project must be sent via this way. Any communications not sent via this e-sourcing portal may not receive any response.

INELFE, RTE and REE will not accept any responsibility should this happen.

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

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#### **III.1. Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

The applicant shall have a valid RTE or REE qualification for the referenced type of works (see also Section II.2.4) and consequently has to be qualified at qualification system of RTE or REE to perform its activity(ies) in France/Spain as applicable.

If necessary, provided the Applicant is referenced only in RTE or REE qualification system, the proposed sub-contractors for the works on the territory not covered by the qualification, shall have a valid RTE or REE qualification for the referenced type of works (see also Section II.2.4) and consequently have to be registered at qualification system of RTE/REE to perform their activity(ies) in France/Spain respectively.

All costs of completing and submitting any submission and any presentations of the submission are the responsibility of the applicant(s).

Throughout the course of this procurement process, tenderers may be asked to translate and resubmit documents in French and/or in Spanish at their own expense.

### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required:

- the applicant shall demonstrate an annual turnover average for the last three (3) financial years at least equal to EUR 110 000 000 (or equivalent);
- in case of consortia, at least two of the members, shall comply with above criteria.

### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

The applicants must note that to perform the works, the economic operator, must be qualified for the referenced type of works in the RTE qualification system or in the REE qualification system.

In case the applicant, is only qualified in one of the RTE/REE systems, then the execution the works in the territory where it is not qualified, the applicant must be entirely subcontracted to qualified subcontractor(s) related to the relevant territory (Spain or France respectively). These qualifications are required for the applicants at time of request to participate and shall be maintained valid until the completion of works.

### **III.1.4. Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria:

To participate in tender, the economic operator must be qualified for the referenced type of works in the RTE qualification system or in the REE qualification system.

In case the applicant, is only qualified in one of the RTE/REE systems, then the execution the works in the territory where it is not qualified, the applicant shall entirely subcontract to qualified subcontractor(s) related to the relevant territory (Spain or France respectively). These qualifications are required for the applicants at time of request to participate and shall be maintained valid until the completion of works.

For more information on the qualification procedures of RTE and REE, please refer to

<https://www.rte-france.com/fr/portail/les-fournisseurs> and <https://www.ree.es/en/suppliers/how-to-become-a-supplier>.

### **III.1.6. Deposits and guarantees required**

Guarantees and bonds will be required, the types and amounts will be defined/prescribed in the ITT, according to the applicable Law.

### **III.1.7. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Main financial conditions and payment arrangements will be prescribed in the ITT.

### **III.1.8. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

Applicants may submit bids either as:

- single company with proposed sub-contractors if necessary;
- consortium with proposed sub-contractors if necessary.

In case of applicants submit bids as a consortium, applications shall be submitted either by all the members of consortium or by an agent who provides proof of the necessary authorizations to represent the other members of the consortium. Same economic operator may not be an agent of more than one Consortium for same contract.

INELFE reserves its right to require economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded to take a particular legal form to be detailed in the assessment process and/or in the ITT (joint only or joint and several liability), for the performance of contract insofar as this is necessary for such proper performance.

Assessment responses will be required from all members of consortium. Any change in the form and/or composition at any point of the procedure shall be prior-approved in writing by INELFE.

## Section IV: Procedure

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### IV.1. Description

#### IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure with prior call for competition

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

#### IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### IV.2. Administrative information

#### IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date: 14/06/2021 Local time: 12:00

#### IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

Date: 26/10/2021

#### IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

#### IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 12 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

## Section VI: Complementary information

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### VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

### VI.3. Additional information

The contract notice is under French law. The time for this contract notice is the French time. The applicable law of the future contracts will be French law. Official communications shall be conducted via the message board of e-procurement, namely <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com>

The duration of contract stated in Section II.2.7) refers to construction works with exclusion of defects rectification initial mandatory period.

Applicants wishing to participate in the pre-qualification process must request to participate via dedicated platform and provide:

I. For single company — company name, main contact name and main contact address completed;

II. For consortia — brief description of consortium structure, companies names, leader, percentage of composition, main contact name and main contact address with contemplated list of main sub-contractors if necessary. There will be required a binding letter with all participants signed by each company legal representative with power of attorney indicating the percentage of participation.

The main sub-contractors shall be understood as the ones that, the construction and/or manufacturing capacities are essential for project, and the proposal is based on.

The selected candidates will be populated on <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com> after the closing of this contract notice and following the return of signed Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA). The dedicated form will be provided to applicants once the expression of interest in participating in this event issued and accepted by INELFE. The NDA shall be returned to INELFE within five (5) working days after receipt.

In case of consortium, each of the entities has to submit the documents required.

INELFE reserves its right to exclude consortium applicants that would change their composition partway through the process without prior approval from INELFE.

Applicants shall note that the aspects and proposed solutions for social insertion criteria may be set-out in the ITT and will be part of award criteria.

Applicants shall note that the aspects of ECOdesign and Eco-performance may be prescribed in the ITT as part of candidate's selection criteria and proposed solutions may be evaluated as part of award criteria.

INELFE intends to procure the 'Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection FR-ES Project' through a series of contracts comprising:

- 1 contract for converter stations;
- 2 contracts for cable link;
- 1 contract for terrestrial civil works.

The candidates to whom the contracts are awarded will be required to accept the coordination and collaboration obligations regarding interfaces with other contractors that are involved in the execution of the Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection FR-ES Project.

Such requirements regarding interfaces between such contracts and this contract will be further detailed in the ITT documents.

INELFE reserves its right to specify the conditions above mentioned in the ITT documents.

This contract notice publication will replace the previous uncanceled contract notice [2018/S 238-544692](#) issued on 11 December 2018 and its relevant corrigendum contract notice [2019/S 017-037085](#) published on 24 January 2019 for the same scope of works.

#### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: Tribunal de grande instance de Nanterre — Instance chargée des procédures de recours

Postal address: 179-191, Avenue Joliot-Curie

Town: Nanterre

Postal code: 92020

Country: France

Telephone: +33 140971010

##### **VI.4.3. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

A claim in a pre-contractual summary proceeding is possible as stated in articles 5 and seq. of Order No 2009-515 of 7 May 2009 related to complaint proceedings applicable to public procurement contracts. The claim must be lodged before the conclusion of the contract.

A claim in a contractual summary proceeding is possible as stated in articles 11 and seq. of Order No 2009-515 of 7 May 2009 related to complaint proceedings applicable to public procurement contracts.

The claim must be lodged at the latest on the thirty first (31st) day following the publication of the contract award notice in the Official Journal of the European Union or, for the contracts

based on a framework agreement or on a Dynamic Purchasing System, following the notification of the contract signature. In the absence of publication of the award notice or in the absence of notification of the contract signature, an application to the competent court may be made until the expiry of a six (6) months period starting at the day after the date of conclusion of the contract in accordance with article 1441-3 of the French Code of Civil Procedure.

**VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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Postal address: 179-191, Avenue Joliot-Curie

Town: Nanterre

Postal code: 92020

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

15/04/2021