

United Kingdom-Abingdon: Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

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Qualification system – utilities

Supplies

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/25/EU

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**Section I: Contracting entity**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

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Main address: [www.achilles.com](http://www.achilles.com)

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: [www.achilles.com/uvdb](http://www.achilles.com/uvdb)

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

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

**I.6. Main activity**

Other activity: UVDB mainly covers utility entities in the fields of electricity, gas and water, but also utility entities in the fields of port and airport related activities and postal services

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

UVDB (Utilities Vendor Data Base) - supplies

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

03000000 Agricultural, farming, fishing, forestry and related products

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.2. Description**

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

09000000 Petroleum products, fuel, electricity and other sources of energy, 14000000 Mining, basic metals and related products, 15000000 Food, beverages, tobacco and related products,

16000000 Agricultural machinery, 18000000 Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories, 19000000 Leather and textile fabrics, plastic and rubber materials, 22000000 Printed matter and related products, 24000000 Chemical products, 30000000 Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages, 31000000 Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting, 32000000 Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment, 33000000 Medical equipments, pharmaceuticals and personal care products, 34000000 Transport equipment and auxiliary products to transportation, 35000000 Security, fire-fighting, police and defence equipment, 37000000 Musical instruments, sport goods, games, toys, handicraft, art materials and accessories, 38000000 Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses), 39000000 Furniture (incl. office furniture), furnishings, domestic appliances (excl. lighting) and cleaning products, 41000000 Collected and purified water, 42000000 Industrial machinery, 43000000 Machinery for mining, quarrying, construction equipment, 44000000 Construction structures and materials; auxiliary products to construction (except electric apparatus), 48000000 Software package and information systems

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Contracts awarded by subscribing utility entities will be mainly for performance within the UK, although contracts may be awarded for other locations.

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

The Utilities Vendor Database (UVDB) scheme is a qualification system under Article 77 of Directive 2014/25/EU, which is operated by Achilles Information Ltd. The UVDB provides a common system for subscribing utility entities to select suppliers for invitation to participate in regulated procurement procedures. The utility entities which subscribe to the scheme are given at the following URL: <http://www.achilles.com/uvdbqsn>.

The UVDB may also be used in the compilation of tender lists below the EU thresholds. The subscribing utility entities may alternatively make separate calls for competition in OJEU for certain individual requirements.

The UVDB is based on a coding system for works, supplies and services against which suppliers are registered on the system. The full list of UVDB product codes is available at the following URL: <http://www.achilles.com/uvdbqsn>.

Vendors not already registered on the UVDB should apply to Achilles using the contact details at section I.1 in order to ensure that their details are available to subscribing utility entities.

Vendors already registered on the UVDB should ensure that their registration details are up to date by visiting <http://one.achilles.com> and logging in using their unique login details.

### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

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

### **II.2.8. Duration of the qualification system**

Indefinite duration

### **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:

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

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

#### **III.1.9. Qualification for the system**

Conditions to be fulfilled by economic operators in view of their qualification:

UVDB registration will be the first stage of qualification. You can join via <https://one.achilles.com/Registration/Index?CID=C5ws5jefQVcRZvh8aWV9Qw%3d%3d>.

Having completed the registration you will be asked to pay your annual subscription to UVDB.

The current subscription rates are available at the following URL: <http://www.achilles.com/uvdbqsn> After your payment, your account will be activated providing you access to the full prequalification questionnaire.

Methods according to which each of those conditions will be verified:

Vendors of products considered to be high risk may be required by individual subscribing utility entities to undergo an independent audit covering health, safety, environment and quality systems under the Verify scheme. Further information, including the types and costs for the different categories of audit are available at the following URL: <http://www.achilles.com/uvdbqsn>.

In appropriate circumstances some utility contracting entities will apply a minimum scoring mechanism.

Verify is not independent and vendors must have a subscription to UVDB.

Scottish Power, SSE plc and Northern Powergrid have an additional level of risk assessment via their own systems, which link directly to UVDB.

Scottish Power:

[http://www.scottishpower.com/pages/becoming\\_a\\_scottishpower\\_supplier.asp](http://www.scottishpower.com/pages/becoming_a_scottishpower_supplier.asp)

SSE:

<http://sse.com/potential-suppliers/>

Northern Powergrid:

[https://northernpowergrid.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a\\_id/163](https://northernpowergrid.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/163)

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## **Section IV: Procedure**

### **IV.1. Description**

#### **IV.1.6. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used Additional information about electronic auction:

The subscribing utility entities reserve the right to conduct procurements under UVDB using electronic auctions.

### **IV.2. Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 132-270699](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:2017/S132-270699)

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

English

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## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.3. Additional information**

Contact details for each individual procurement will be provided by the subscribing utility entity in the specific procurement documents.

Information referenced in Section III.2 of this notice will, where relevant, be provided in the specific procurement documents by the subscribing utility entity.

The award criteria as referenced in Section II.2.5 may for certain procurements covered by this notice be on a price-only basis.

Electronic workflows, as referenced in Section VI.2 may be employed by some or all of the subscribing utility entities.

Subscribing utility entities may reserve contracts as referenced in Section III.1.5.

Details of the contact for review procedures covered by Section VI.4.1 will be provided by the subscribing utility entity.

UVDB may be used by subscribing utility entities to establish dynamic purchasing systems.

This notice cancels and supersedes all previous qualification system notices for supplies for UVDB.

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

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

Official name: See section VI.3

Town: See section VI.3

Country: United Kingdom

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

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

For contracts subject to the EU Procurement legislation, utilities will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

Where the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016 No 274) apply, provision is made for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

Where the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016 No 49) apply, an economic operator that suffers, or risks suffering, loss or damage attributable to a breach of duty under the regulations may bring proceedings in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

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

10/05/2018