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**United Kingdom-Wallsend: Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting  
2019/S 105-257212**

**Contract notice – utilities**

**Works**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/25/EU

**Section I: Contracting entity**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

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

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at: [www.aquind.co.uk](http://www.aquind.co.uk)  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the following address:  
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**I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

**Section II: Object**

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

- II.1.1) **Title:**  
AQUIND Interconnector  
Reference number: 62100616
- II.1.2) **Main CPV code**  
31000000
- II.1.3) **Type of contract**  
Works
- II.1.4) **Short description:**  
AQUIND Interconnector is a High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) electric power transmission link with the net capacity of 2 000 MW between Lovedean Substation in Hampshire, UK and Barnabos Switching Station in Seine-Maritime department of Normandy region, France. The scope of works may include, but not limited to; The design, engineering, manufacture, construction, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of the 2 converter stations at Lovedean UK and Barnabos, France; and two circuits (poles) of HVDC Marine and Underground Land Cable. Approx cable route length 238 km, including:  
(i) 20 km UK Land;  
(ii) 36 km French Land; and  
(iii) 182 km of Marine cable route; Fibre Optic Cable (one per circuit) and equipment.  
AQUIND Interconnector shall be configured as twin symmetrical monopoles, each with the net capacity of 1 000 MW. Each will include all necessary equipment, control systems, plant, machinery, buildings and other elements to convert electricity from AC to DC and vice versa.
- II.1.5) **Estimated total value**  
Value excluding VAT: 1 300 000 000.00 EUR
- II.1.6) **Information about lots**  
This contract is divided into lots: yes  
Tenders may be submitted for all lots  
Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2  
The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:  
The Contracting Entity reserves the right to award contracts for works, operation and maintenance services for the following lots:  
Lot 1: Converter Stations;  
Lot 2: HVDC Cables (Marine and Land) and Fibre Optic Cables and Equipment;  
Lot 3: (Optional) — Lots 1 and 2 combined.
- II.2) **Description**
- II.2.1) **Title:**  
AQUIND Interconnector — Converter Stations  
Lot No: 1
- II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**  
31000000  
31121110  
31200000  
45000000  
45110000  
45120000  
45210000

45220000  
45351000  
45315400  
50532000  
50532400  
50532200  
51110000  
51120000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKJ35

NUTS code: FRD13

Main site or place of performance:

Winchester and Hampshire, UK

Seine — Maritime department, Normandy, France

Aquind Ltd reserves the right to amend the main site.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Scope of requirements of Lot 1 within this Contract Notice are:

- The detailed design,
  - engineering,
  - procurement,
  - manufacture,
  - supply,
  - transportation,
  - installation,
  - construction (including civil works),
  - testing,
  - commissioning,
  - operation (optional),
  - maintenance (optional),
  - Supply and delivery of spares,
  - interfaces with other suppliers,
  - such other works, services and goods that might be necessary to successfully commission and put into operation the HVDC Converter Stations.
- (a) 2 x HVDC Converter Stations (1 near — Lovedean Substation in Hampshire, UK and 1 near Barnabos Switching Station in Seine-Maritime department of Normandy, France).
- (b) spares (both strategic and operational spares).
- (c) optional — provision of operational services (under a separate operational services agreement, including options to extend at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd).
- (d) optional — provision of maintenance services, including the continued replenishment of spares under a separate maintenance services agreement, including options to extend at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd.

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**

Value excluding VAT: 550 000 000.00 EUR

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

Start: 09/08/2020

End: 30/04/2024

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The operation and maintenance services agreement, which may be procured under this Lot 1, will be optional and any extension to that agreement will be at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd.

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

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and/or Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents. Aquind Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the PQQ and/or the ITT Documents.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

The following options will be included in the procurement of Lot 1:

1) Operation and maintenance services, including any extension to the term of the operation and maintenance service agreement procurement under this Lot 1, will be optional at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:

AQUIND Interconnector has been granted the status of EU Project of Common Interest Reference 1.7.4, and may become eligible for European Union Funds.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

The expected date for commissioning is December 2023. However the contract terms will run past this date as per details contained with the ITT documentation.

Aquind Ltd does not consider itself to be a contracting entity or utility within the meaning of the procurement legislation but is placing this OJEU Notice on a voluntary basis.

II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

Aquind Interconnector — HVDC Cable and Accessories, Fibre Optic Cable and Equipment.

Lot No: 2

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

45000000

45110000

45120000

45220000

45315400

31000000

31320000  
31321300  
31321500  
45314310  
45314300

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: UKJ35

NUTS code: FRD13

Main site or place of performance:

Winchester and Hampshire, UK

Seine — Maritime department, Normandy, France

Aquind Ltd reserves the right to amend the main site.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Scope of requirements of Lot 2 within this Contract Notice are:

- the detailed design,
  - engineering,
  - procurement,
  - manufacture,
  - supply,
  - transportation,
  - installation (including civil works),
  - testing,
  - commissioning,
  - maintenance (optional),
  - supply, storage and delivery of spares,
  - interface with other suppliers,
  - such other works, services and goods, that might be necessary to successfully commission and put into operation the HVDC Cables and Fibre Optic Cables.
- HVDC Cables and Fibre Optic Cables (up to 192 Fibres) — including the Marine and Land cable installation (including civils works, ducting, Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) works) UK and France; HVDC and Fibre Optic Spare Cables; and the optional provision of maintenance services, including the continued replenishment of spares under a separate maintenance services agreement, including options to extend at the sole discretion of AQUIND Ltd.
- Aquind Ltd reserves the right to sub-divide this lot into 2 or more packages of work during the procurement process. Should this Lot 2 be subdivided it would likely be that each sub-lot would be awarded to different bidders. The decision to subdivide and award Lot 2 to different bidders remains at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd.
- If this Lot 2 was subdivided into Lot 2a (provision of all works for Pole 1 circuit) and Lot 2b (provision of all works for Pole 2), Aquind Ltd would set evaluation criteria that reward manufacturers which propose to use the same civils contractor. Further details will be provided in the ITT documents.
- All interested parties will be fully informed of any potential amendments or changes to the subdivision of Lot 2.

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**

Value excluding VAT: 750 000 000.00 EUR

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

Start: 09/08/2020

End: 30/04/2024

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The maintenance services agreement, which may be procured under this Lot 2 will be optional and any extension to that agreement will be at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd.

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

Envisaged minimum number: 3

Maximum number: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and/or Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents. Aquind Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the PQQ and/or the ITT documents.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

The following options will be included in the procurement of Lot 2:

1) Maintenance services, including any extension to the term of the maintenance service agreement procurement under this Lot 2, will be optional and at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:

AQUIND Interconnector has been granted the status of EU Project of Common Interest Reference 1.4.7., and may become eligible for European Union Funds.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

The expected date for commissioning is December 2023. However, the contract terms will run past this date as per details contained with the ITT documentation.

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II.2) **Description**

II.2.1) **Title:**

AQUIND Interconnector — Turnkey — Converters and Cables

Lot No: 3

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

31000000

31121110

31200000

45000000

45110000

45120000

45210000  
45220000  
45310000  
45315400  
50532000  
50532400  
50532200  
51100000  
51120000  
31320000  
31321300  
31321500  
45314300  
45314310  
32560000

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: FRD22

NUTS code: UKJ35

Main site or place of performance:

Winchester and Hampshire, UK

Seine - Maritime department, Normandy, France

AQUIND Limited reserves the right to amend the main site.

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

Scope of requirements for Lot 3 within this Contract Notice are;

- the detailed design,
  - engineering,
  - procurement,
  - manufacture,
  - supply,
  - Transportation,
  - Installation (including civils work),
  - Construction,
  - Testing,
  - Commissioning,
  - Operation (optional),
  - Maintenance (optional),
  - supply and delivery of spares,
  - Interfaces with other suppliers,
  - such other works, services and goods that might be necessary to successfully commission and put into operation the AQUIND Interconnector.
- 2 x HVDC Converter Stations (Lovedean, Hampshire, UK and Barnabos, Normandy, France)  
HVDC Cable and Accessories.  
Fibre Optic Cable, equipment and infrastructure.

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**

Value excluding VAT: 1 300 000 000.00 EUR

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

Start: 09/08/2020

End: 30/04/2024

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Description of renewals:

The term of the operation and maintenance service agreement, which may be procured under this Lot 3 will be optional and any extension to that agreement will be at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd.

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

Envisaged minimum number: 2

Maximum number: 6

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and/or Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents. Aquind Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the PQQ and/or the ITT documents at any time.

II.2.10) **Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11) **Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

1) Operational services agreement, including any extension to the term of the operational service agreement procured under this Lot 3, will be optional and at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd;

2) Maintenance services agreement, including any extension to the term of the maintenance service agreement procured under this Lot 3, will be optional and at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd.

II.2.12) **Information about electronic catalogues**

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:

AQUIND Interconnector has been granted status of EU Common Project of Interest Reference EU PCI 1.4.7., and may become eligible for European Union Funds.

II.2.14) **Additional information**

The expected date for commissioning is December 2023. However the contract terms will run past this date as per details contained with the ITT documentation.

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

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:

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ).

Aquind Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the PQQ.

- III.1.2) **Economic and financial standing**  
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.3) **Technical and professional ability**  
Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents
- III.1.4) **Objective rules and criteria for participation**  
List and brief description of rules and criteria:  
Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ).  
Aquind Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the PQQ and/or Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents.
- III.1.5) **Information about reserved contracts**
- III.1.6) **Deposits and guarantees required:**  
Guarantees and bonds are required and will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and/or the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents.  
Aquind Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the PQQ and/or the ITT documents.
- III.1.7) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**  
Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and/or the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents.  
Aquind Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the PQQ and/or the ITT documents.
- III.1.8) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**  
Aquind Ltd reserves the right to require bidders in a consortium to take a particular legal form or require a single contractor take primary liability or to require each party in a consortium to take joint and several liability.  
All members of a joint venture or consortium group:  
(a) must make an application and submit a PQQ;  
(b) not breach the exclusion grounds specified in the PQQ document; and  
(c) meet all the minimum requirements as specified in the PQQ document with the exception of the minimum technical capability where at least 1 member of the consortium group must be designated as the lead member and meet the minimum technical manufacturing capability requirement.  
Applicants must provide full details of the proposed consortium arrangements (including the legal form) and proposed contracting structures, including key subcontractors.  
Details of the conditions applied to joint ventures and consortium groups are stated in the PQQ.
- III.2) **Conditions related to the contract**
- III.2.2) **Contract performance conditions:**  
Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) and/or Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents.  
Aquind Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions described in the PQQ and/or the ITT documents.
- III.2.3) **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

#### **Section IV: Procedure**

- 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.1.4) **Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**  
Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated
- IV.1.6) **Information about electronic auction**
- IV.1.8) **Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**  
The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no
- IV.2) **Administrative information**
- IV.2.1) **Previous publication concerning this procedure**
- IV.2.2) **Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**  
Date: 04/07/2019  
Local time: 12:00
- IV.2.3) **Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**  
Date: 10/07/2019
- 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**
- IV.2.7) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

**Section VI: Complementary information**

- VI.1) **Information about recurrence**  
This is a recurrent procurement: no
- VI.2) **Information about electronic workflows**
- VI.3) **Additional information:**  
Applicants wishing to participate should submit their company name, main contact name and main contact email address to the Aquind Procurement Lead at the email address; [aquind.procurement@wsp.com](mailto:aquind.procurement@wsp.com)  
Applicants will then receive a 'Non-Disclosure Agreement' (NDA) and an 'Expression of Interest' (EOI) form for signature. The NDA and EOI should be submitted to the Aquind Procurement Lead at the email address; [aquind.procurement@wsp.com](mailto:aquind.procurement@wsp.com) no later than 6.7.2019.  
After the NDA and EOI forms have been submitted, the PQQ documents will be issued on the 10.7.2019 (this date is subject to change at the sole discretion of Aquind Ltd).  
Following the evaluation of the PQQ submissions in accordance with the PQQ instructions, up to 6 candidates will be shortlisted for each lot in accordance with the selection criteria specified in the PQQ document to proceed to the ITT Phase. It is anticipated that the ITT documents will be issued during September 2019.  
Aquind Ltd will confirm the tender validity period in the ITT documentation.  
Aquind Ltd may request the commencement the detailed design and engineering studies for any or all of Lot 1 and Lot 2 or Lot 3 prior to the commencement of works within the same lots.  
Aquind Ltd does not consider itself to be a Contracting Entity or utility within the meaning of the procurement legislation but is placing this OJEU Notice on a voluntary basis.
- VI.4) **Procedures for review**
- VI.4.1) **Review body**  
High Court of Justice  
London  
United Kingdom

VI.4.2) **Body responsible for mediation procedures**

VI.4.3) **Review procedure**

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

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

31/05/2019