

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

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Viridian Group Ltd

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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>

Address of the buyer profile: <http://www.viridiangroup.co.uk>

Electronic access to information: <https://procurement.viridiangroup.co.uk>

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: <https://procurement.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

II.1. Description

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

I-SEM Core Software Solution, Implementation and 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, UK.

NUTS code UKN01 Belfast

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 scope of this procurement is to deliver core software solution (s), implementation and support services to Viridian for their participation in the Integrated Single Electricity Market (I-SEM), which is expected to be implemented by Quarter 4 of 2017. The core software solution (s) for I-SEM must meet the functional requirements outlined in Section 6 of the PQQ together with any additional requirements specified by Viridian in the procurement documentation. Viridian Group comprises a mix of regulated and non-regulated businesses, further details of which will be provided in the PQQ. Applicants will therefore need to provide separate pricing information to meet the cost of the specified services that will need to be supplied by shortlisted Bidders for Energia Group, Power NI (Supply) and Power NI (PPB) for software solutions, implementation and support services for I-SEM at the ITN stage of this procurement. 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, 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.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support, 72220000 Systems and technical consultancy services, 72230000 Custom software development services, 72240000 Systems analysis and programming services, 72250000 System and support services, 72260000 Software-related services, 48000000 Software package and information systems, 48100000 Industry specific software package, 48400000 Business transaction and personal business software package, 48600000 Database and operating software package, 48800000 Information systems and servers, 48900000 Miscellaneous software package and computer systems, 72210000 Programming services of packaged software products

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: 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

Estimated value excluding VAT

Range: between 3 600 000 and 8 000 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options: To ensure compliance with Viridian license obligations for both the regulated and non-regulated businesses, Applicants will be expected to outline software solution (s), implementation and support service costs at the ITN stage based on the 3 options below:

1. 1 Multitenant Instance — Energia Group, Power NI (Supply) and Power NI (PPB) share 1 instance of the software solution (s) with data separated using access controls.

2. 1 Multitenant Regulated Instance and 1 Non-regulated Instance — Regulated Businesses, Power NI (Supply) and Power NI (PPB) to share 1 instance of the software solution(s) with data separated using access controls. Energia Group to have its own instance of the software solution (s).

3. 3 Individual Instances — Energia Group, Power NI (Supply) and Power NI (PPB) to have their own instances of the software solution (s).

The same software solution (s) will be placed on all of the instance options noted above, i.e. a common software solution (s) will be built for all businesses.

Viridian reserve the right to require the successful Applicant to provide any or all of the 3 options.

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: yes

Number of possible renewals: 5

In the case of renewable contracts, estimated time-frame for subsequent calls for competition:

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

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

Duration in months: 60 (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

Viridian's particular requirements will be set out in the invitation to negotiate documentation and may include 'inter alia', performance bond(s) and/or parent company guarantee(s) and/or other form(s) of security.

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 negotiate 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 will be undertaken utilising the negotiated procedure pursuant to the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2006 and subject to regulatory approval, it is intended that it will be awarded as a single contract.

Viridian Group wishes to appoint either a single organisation to provide the services or a prime

contractor supported by appropriate subcontractors of their choice. The Applicant will need to demonstrate that together with any subcontractors used, it is capable of providing the full range of services.

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

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

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

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

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions: Please see the PQQ and PIM.

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

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Negotiated

Some candidates have already been selected (if appropriate under certain types of negotiated procedures): no

IV.2. Award criteria

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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

VG14005

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

11.9.2015 - 17:00

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

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

Applicants are reminded that as Viridian Group comprises a mix of regulated and non-regulated businesses, separate pricing information to meet the cost of the specified services will need to be supplied by shortlisted Applicants for the individual Energia Group, Power NI (Supply) and Power NI (PPB) for software solutions, implementation and support services for I-SEM at the ITN stage of this procurement. Further details will be provided in the invitation to negotiate.

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

4.8.2015