

Ireland-Dublin: Economic research services
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Contract notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC**Section I: Contracting authority**

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: The Regulatory Authorities c/o CER

National registration number: N/A

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Country: Ireland

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Internet address(es):

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

Address of the buyer profile: <http://irl.eu-supply.com/ctm/Supplier/CompanyInformation/Index/1232>

Electronic access to information: http://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=81616&B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate: http://irl.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=81616&B=ETENDERS_SIMPLE

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 Bodies

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

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Official name: Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation

Postal address: Queens House, 14 Queen Street

Town: Belfast

Postal code: BT1 6ED

Country: United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

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

Multiple Member Framework Agreement for Consultancy Support in SEM and I-SEM.

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 and Belfast.

NUTS code IE Éire / Ireland

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

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Maximum number Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement
: 8

Duration of the framework agreement

Duration in years: 4

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 000 000 EUR

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

The Regulatory Authorities now invite tenders for membership of a multi-member framework agreement for consultancy support in SEM and I-SEM, relating to economic and technical advice and policy development and implementation.

The duration of the framework agreement is for a maximum period of 4 years, i.e. from 1.1.2015 to 31.12.2018.

The following are the some of the key areas of work for which this support may be required:

- I-SEM Capacity Remuneration Mechanism;
- I-SEM Energy Trading Arrangements;
- I-SEM Market Power Mitigation;
- I-SEM Forward Market Liquidity;
- I-SEM Governance and Licensing;
- Regulation of TSOs and MO for I-SEM;
- DS3 System Services, including procurement mechanism detailed design; and,
- Post I-SEM go-live issues.

Please note that while these are the current anticipated work areas for mini-tender competitions under the framework, they are subject to change and could be reduced or added to.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

79311400 Economic research services, 71600000 Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services, 71621000 Technical analysis or consultancy services, 72220000 Systems and technical consultancy 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 there will be 8 tenderers selected for framework membership through this tendering process (or up to 8, if there are fewer than 8 valid and suitable tenders received) and that the framework will be in place for a maximum period of 4 years from 1.1.2015 to 31.12.2018.

The Regulatory Authorities intend to procure the majority of economic and technical consultancy support relating to SEM and I-SEM work areas through mini-tender competitions among framework members. However, please note that the Regulatory Authorities reserve the right to seek tenders for additional work outside of the framework at the sole discretion of Regulatory Authorities.

The estimated value (exclusive of VAT) of the framework agreement (including the value of all call-off contracts) is in the order of EUR 6 000 000 (excl. VAT) over the four year duration. This estimate is provided for information purposes only and is not binding. There is no guarantee of any particular volume, value, scope or frequency of work or call-off contracts. It is possible that the actual value may be significantly higher or lower than estimated and this estimate does not in any way limit the scope, volume or quantity of services that may be drawn down under the framework agreement.

Call-off contracts will be awarded within the limits of the terms laid down in the framework agreement. This will be done by issuing a Statement of Work (SOW) which will identify the specific details relevant to the SOW concerned, e.g. project scope, price, key personnel etc.

For the avoidance of doubt, the conclusion of a framework agreement with a framework member does not guarantee the awarding of any call off contract whatsoever.

Estimated value excluding VAT: 6 000 000 EUR

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

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

Tenderers should note that the Commission and the Authority will bear the costs of the consultancy in the proportions: 50 % to the Commission and 50 % to the Authority.

All fees and expenses shall have to be invoiced separately to the Commission and the Authority in these proportions.

All invoices issued to the Commission will be in Euro and subject to Irish VAT and Withholding Tax.

All invoices issued to the Authority will be in Sterling and subject to Northern Ireland VAT.

The liability of the Commission and the Authority for the payment of all fees and expenses shall be severable, not joint and severable. On no account will either the Commission or the Authority 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

011-03-300

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

21.11.2014 - 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. Irish.

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

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

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

10.10.2014