

**United Kingdom-London: Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting
OJ S 155/2019 13/08/2019
Contract notice – utilities
Works**

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/25/EU

Section I: Contracting entity

I.1. Name and addresses

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I.3. Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at:

www.gridlinkinterconnector.com

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

Official name: WSP UK Ltd

National registration number: 01383511

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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

GridLink Interconnector HVDC Converter Stations in UK and France

Reference number: ITT-EPC-CONV-001

II.1.2. Main CPV code

31000000 Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting

II.1.3. Type of contract

Works

II.1.4. Short description

The GridLink Interconnector comprises a nominal 1 400 MW high voltage, direct current (HVDC) electricity link between the UK and France. The overall project comprises 2 subsea HVDC cables and a fibre optic cable connecting to a symmetrical monopole, Voltage Source Converter (VSC) converter station located at Kingsnorth on the Isle of Grain, Kent in the UK and at Dunkerque, Nord Department, Nord-Pas-de-Calais Region in France. The converter stations are subsequently connected by underground High voltage, alternating current (HVAC) electricity cables to the National Grid Kingsnorth 400 kV sub-station in the UK and RTE Warande 400 kV sub-station in France. The scope of the procurement relates to the engineering, procurement and construction of the converter stations in UK and France, and approximately 1,5 km of underground HVAC cable in the UK.

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2. Description

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UKJ41 Medway

NUTS code: FRE11 Nord

Main site or place of performance: UK: development site at former Kingsnorth coal-fired power station site in Kingsnorth industrial area. France: development site in Zone des Grandes Industries near ville de Bourbourg, Dunkerque.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The scope of the procurement relates to the engineering, procurement and construction, including related site preparation works and foundations, manufacture, supply and installation of equipment, erection of buildings and installation of site services and ancillary facilities, for:

- (a) one 1 400 MW, 525 kV symmetrical monopole, Voltage source converter (VSC) converter station at Kingsnorth in the UK;
- (b) one 1 400 MW, 525 kV symmetrical monopole, Voltage source converter (VSC) converter station at Dunkerque in France; and
- (c) approximately 1,5 km of underground 400 kV HVAC cable between the converter station and the National Grid's Kingsnorth 400 kV sub-station at Kingsnorth in the UK.

The scope of the contract requirements are:

- detailed design,
- engineering,
- procurement,
- manufacture,
- supply,
- transportation,
- installation,
- construction (including civil works),
- testing,
- commissioning,
- spares storage,
- operational spares during warranty period,
- interfaces with other suppliers,
- such other works, services and goods that may be necessary for the engineering, procurement and construction, and subsequent commissioning, commercial operation and maintenance of, the HVDC converter stations and underground HVAC cable in the UK,
- spares supply and replenishment (25 years duration),
- maintenance and repair services (10 years duration).

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: 01/01/2021 End: 31/12/2024

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

Envisaged minimum number: 3 Maximum number: 5 Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

The objective criteria for selecting the limited number of candidates to be invited will be defined in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ). GridLink Interconnector Ltd reserves the right to alter and/or amend the criteria described in the PQQ.

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.13. Information about European Union funds

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

II.2.14. Additional information

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:

The conditions required will be stated in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ).

GridLink Interconnector Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the requirements specified 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:

The objective rules and criteria will be stated in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ).

GridLink Interconnector Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the rules and criteria specified in the PQQ.

III.1.6. Deposits and guarantees required

The deposits and guarantees required will be stated in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ).

GridLink Interconnector Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the requirements specified in the PQQ.

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

The financing conditions and payment arrangements will be stated in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ).

GridLink Interconnector Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions and arrangements specified in the PQQ.

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

Requirements for consortium or joint venture arrangements will be stated in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ).

Applicants must provide full details of any proposed consortium or joint venture arrangements (including the legal form) and proposed contracting structures.

GridLink Interconnector Ltd reserves the right to require candidates in a consortium or joint venture to take joint and several liability.

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

The contract performance conditions will be stated in the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ). GridLink Interconnector Ltd reserves the right to alter or amend the conditions specified in the PQQ.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: no

IV.2. Administrative information

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

Date: 30/08/2019 Local time: 23:59

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

Date: 06/09/2019

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

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

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.3. Additional information

Candidates wishing to participate in the tender should submit their company name, contact name and contact email address to uk-gridlink.procurement@wsp.com.

The named contact given by a Candidate wishing to participate will receive:

- (a) 'Non-Disclosure Agreement' (NDA); and
- (b) 'Expression of Interest' (EOI) form.

The NDA and EOI must be accepted and signed by the candidate and returned to uk-gridlink.procurement@wsp.com by 30.8.2019.

After the NDA and EOI forms have been received, the pre-qualification questionnaire (PQQ) and associated instructions will be issued to the candidate by 6.9.2019.

The candidate must return the completed PQQ by the specified time and date given in the PQQ instructions. It is anticipated that the Candidate will return the completed PQQ in October 2019.

The PQQ submissions will be evaluated in accordance with the selection criteria specified in the PQQ instructions to select a short-list of candidates to be invited to tender. It is anticipated that the invitation to tender will be issued to short-listed candidates in January 2020.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: To be determined

Town: To be determined

Country: United Kingdom

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

09/08/2019