

**United Kingdom-London: Submarine cable**  
**OJ S 156/2019 14/08/2019**  
**Contract notice – utilities**  
**Works**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/25/EU

**Section I: Contracting entity**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

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Main address: <http://www.gridlinkinterconnector.com/>

**I.3. Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at:  
[www.gridlinkinterconnector.com](http://www.gridlinkinterconnector.com)

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

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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**

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

#### **II.1.1. Title**

GridLink Interconnector Subsea HVDC Cable between the UK and France

Reference number: ITT-EPC-CAB-001

#### **II.1.2. Main CPV code**

31321500 Submarine cable

#### **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 installation of approximately 150 km of subsea HVDC cable between the converter stations in UK and France.

#### **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: Subsea cable route between Kingsnorth, Isle of Grain in UK and Dunkerque, Nord Department in France, including an offshore section in UK and French territorial waters.

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

The scope of the procurement relates to the engineering, procurement and installation, including related seabed intervention and site preparation works, manufacture, supply and installation of cables, third party asset crossings, and post-cable lay restoration, for:

(a) 138 km of submarine 1 400 MW, 525 kV Mass Impregnated (MI) HVDC cable;

- (b) 0,2 km of onshore, underground 1 400 MW, 525 kV Mass Impregnated (MI) HVDC cable in UK;
- (c) 13 km of onshore, underground 1 400 MW, 525 kV Mass Impregnated (MI) HVDC cable in France;
- (d) 5 km of spare submarine 1 400 MW, 525 kV Mass Impregnated (MI) HVDC cable;
- (e) shore crossing for the submarine cables by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) at Kingsnorth in UK; and
- (f) shore crossing for the submarine cables by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) at Dunkerque in France.

The scope of the contract requirements are:

- detailed design,
- engineering,
- procurement,
- manufacture,
- supply,
- transportation,
- seabed intervention and site preparation, including third party asset crossings,
- installation,
- construction,
- testing,
- commissioning,
- operational spares during warranty period,
- interfaces with other suppliers,
- such other works, services and goods that may be necessary for the engineering, procurement and installation, and subsequent commissioning, commercial operation and maintenance of, the HVDC cable,
- spares storage, supply and replenishment (25 years duration),
- fault-finding and cable 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

Identification of the project: Project of Common Interest (PCI) 1.7.5 Connecting Europe Facility (CEF) grant Action No. 1.7.5-0003-UKFR-S-M-18\_Ares(2018)6335619

### **II.2.14. Additional information**

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

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### **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**

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### **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**

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### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Postal address: To be determined

Town: To be determined

Country: United Kingdom

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

09/08/2019