

United Kingdom-Belfast: Financial transaction processing and clearing-house services
OJ S 229/2013 26/11/2013
Contract award notice
Services

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Viridian Group Ltd
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I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Other: Independent energy company

I.3. Main activity

Other: Supply of electricity and gas services

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

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes
Official name: See section VI.2
Postal address: See section VI.2
Town: See section VI.2
Postal code: See section VI.2
Country: United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description

II.1.1. Title

Customer Bill Payment Services.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Services

Service category No 6: Financial services a) Insurances services b) Banking and investment services

Main site or place of performance: Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland.

NUTS code UKN Northern Ireland, IE Éire / Ireland

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

II.1.4. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

This Contract Award Notice relates to the procurement by Viridian of customer bill payment

services to provide a facility for Power NI Energy Ltd t/a Power NI ("Power NI") and Viridian Energy Ltd t/a Energia ("Energia") customers to settle their energy supply bills through third party retail outlets in Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland ("Payment Services"). The scope of Payment Services awarded includes but is not limited to : the collection of energy bill payments from customers via retail outlets; refund of pre-authorized repayments via retail outlets; customer receipting; settlement; reporting; and supporting payment processing network services. The Payment Services are acquired in two lots:

Lot 1 covers the geographical area of Northern Ireland serving Power NI customers purchasing energy.

Lot 2 covers the geographical area of the Republic of Ireland (RoI) serving Energia customers wishing to pay their energy bills.

There is one contract for each Lot per successful bidder.

This Contract Award Notice covers contracts awarded pursuant to Lot 1. A separate Contract Award Notice shall be published in relation to Lot 2.

II.1.5. CPV code(s)

66172000 Financial transaction processing and clearing-house services, 66110000 Banking services, 66100000 Banking and investment services

II.1.6. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.2. Total value of the contract/lot

II.2.1. Total value of the contract/lot

Value: 7 800 000 GBP
excluding VAT

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

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Negotiated with a call for competition

IV.2. Award criteria

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The most economically advantageous tender in terms of

1. Technical/Qualitative. Weighting 40
2. Financial. Weighting 45
3. Legal. Weighting 15

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

ES1003

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Contract notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2013/S 24-037593](#) of 2.2.2013

Section V: Award of contract

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 1

- Lot title: Customer Bill Payment Services within NI for energy supplies by Power NI

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

4.10.2013

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: PayPoint Network Limited and PayPoint Collections Limited

Postal address: No.1 The Boulevard Shire Park, Hertfordshire

Town: Welwyn Garden City

Postal code: AL7 1EL

E-mail: alisonjoiner@paypoint.co.uk

Telephone: +44 1707600348

Fax: +44 170700333

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:

Value: 4 500 000 GBP

excluding VAT

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: yes

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties:

Not known

Contract No: 2

Lot No: 1

- Lot title: Customer Bill Payment Services within NI for energy supplies by Power NI

V.1. Date of conclusion of the contract

4.10.2013

V.2. Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

V.3. Name and address of the contractor

Official name: Post Office Limited

Postal address: 148 Old Street

Town: London

Postal code: EC1V 9HQ

E-mail: kevin.meredith@postoffice.co.uk

Telephone: +44 7715479905

V.4. Information on value of the contract/lot

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot:

Value: 2 000 000 GBP

excluding VAT

V.5. Information about subcontracting

The contract is likely to be subcontracted: yes

Value or proportion likely to be subcontracted to third parties:

Not known

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about European Union funds

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

no

VI.2. Additional information

Viridian has conducted the procurement process on behalf of Power NI, Energia, and other affiliated trading entities that are owned by Viridian, and Viridian Power and Energy Holdings Ltd (RoI 444149) (collectively the "Participating Organisations").

VI.3. Procedures for review

VI.3.1. Review body

VI.3.2. 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 who 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 and the European Communities (Award of Contracts by Utility Undertakings) Regulations 2007 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 30 days. 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.3.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

VI.4. Date of dispatch of this notice

22.11.2013