

United Kingdom-Abingdon: Repair and maintenance services
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Qualification system – utilities
Services

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/25/EU

Section I: Contracting entity

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Achilles Information Ltd

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Main address: www.achilles.com

I.3. Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: www.achilles.com/uvdb

Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

I.6. Main activity

Other activity: UVDB mainly covers utility entities in the fields of electricity, gas and water, but also utility entities in the fields of port and airport related activities and postal services

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

UVDB (Utilities Vendor Data Base) — services

II.1.2. Main CPV code

50000000 Repair and maintenance services

II.1.3. Type of contract

Services

II.2. Description

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

51000000 Installation services (except software), 55000000 Hotel, restaurant and retail trade services, 60000000 Transport services (excl. Waste transport), 63000000 Supporting and auxiliary transport services; travel agencies services, 64000000 Postal and

telecommunications services, 65000000 Public utilities, 66000000 Financial and insurance services, 70000000 Real estate services, 71000000 Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services, 72000000 IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support, 73000000 Research and development services and related consultancy services, 75000000 Administration, defence and social security services, 76000000 Services related to the oil and gas industry, 77000000 Agricultural, forestry, horticultural, aquacultural and apicultural services, 79000000 Business services: law, marketing, consulting, recruitment, printing and security, 80000000 Education and training services, 85000000 Health and social work services, 90000000 Sewage, refuse, cleaning and environmental services, 92000000 Recreational, cultural and sporting services, 98000000 Other community, social and personal services

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Contracts awarded by subscribing utility entities will be mainly for performance within the UK, although contracts may be awarded for other locations.

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

The Utilities Vendor Database (UVDB) scheme is a qualification system under Article 77 of Directive 2014/25/EU, which is operated by Achilles Information Ltd. The UVDB provides a common system for subscribing utility entities to select suppliers for invitation to participate in regulated procurement procedures. The utility entities which subscribe to the scheme are given at the following URL: https://pages.achilles.com/uvdb_qualification_system_notice?hs_preview=DSymNrgH-12157224232

The UVDB may also be used in the compilation of tender lists below the EU thresholds. The subscribing utility entities may alternatively make separate calls for competition in OJEU for certain individual requirements.

The UVDB is based on a coding system for works, supplies and services against which suppliers are registered on the system. The full list of UVDB product codes is available at the following URL: https://pages.achilles.com/uvdb_qualification_system_notice?hs_preview=DSymNrgH-12157224232

Vendors not already registered on the UVDB should apply to Achilles using the contact details at Section I.1 in order to ensure that their details are available to subscribing utility entities.

Vendors already registered on the UVDB must ensure that their registration details are up to date in order to remain visible to the utility entities subscribing to UVDB. This can be done by visiting <http://one.achilles.com> and logging in using their unique login details.

II.2.5. Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.8. Duration of the qualification system

Indefinite duration

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: Contracts let by one or more of the utility entities subscribing to UVDB may be financed by EU funds.

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions for participation

III.1.9. Qualification for the system

Conditions to be fulfilled by economic operators in view of their qualification:

UVDB registration will be the first stage of qualification. You can join via <https://one.achilles.com/Registration/Index?CID=C5ws5jefQVcRZvh8aWV9Qw%3d%3d>

Having completed the registration you will be asked to pay your annual subscription to UVDB.

The current subscription rates are available at the following URL: <http://www.achilles.com/uvdb>

After your payment, your account will be activated providing you access to the full pre-qualification questionnaire.

Methods according to which each of those conditions will be verified:

Vendors of products considered to be high risk may be required by individual subscribing utility entities to undergo an independent audit covering health, safety, environment and quality systems under the Verify scheme. Further information, including the types and costs of audit

are available via: https://pages.achilles.com/uvdb_verify_audit?hs_preview=pyvNPUtw-12661344369

In appropriate circumstances some utility contracting entities will apply a minimum scoring mechanism. Verify is not independent and vendors must have a subscription to UVDB.

Scottish Power, SSE plc, Northern Powergrid and National Grid have an additional level of risk assessment via their own systems, which link directly to UVDB.

Scottish Power:http://www.scottishpower.com/pages/becoming_a_scottishpower_supplier.asp

SSE:<http://sse.com/potential-suppliers/>

Northern Powergrid:https://northernpowergrid.custhelp.com/app/answers/detail/a_id/163

National Grid:<https://www.nationalgrid.com/group/suppliers/new-suppliers>

III.2. Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2. Contract performance conditions

Where relevant, such conditions will be stated in the procurement documents.

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Description

IV.1.6. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used Additional information about electronic auction:

The subscribing utility entities reserve the right to conduct procurements under UVDB using electronic auctions.

IV.2. Administrative information

IV.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number in the OJ S: [2018/S 090-205207](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX:2018/S_090-205207)

IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3. Additional information

Contact details for each individual procurement will be provided by the subscribing utility entity in the specific procurement documents.

Information referenced in Section III.2) of this Notice will, where relevant, be provided in the specific procurement documents by the subscribing utility entity.

The award criteria as referenced in Section II.2.5) may for certain procurements covered by this notice be on a price-only basis.

Electronic workflows, as referenced in Section VI.2) may be employed by some or all of the subscribing utility entities.

Subscribing utility entities may reserve contracts as referenced in Section III.1.5).

Details of the contact for review procedures covered by Section VI.4.1) will be provided by the subscribing utility entity.

UVDB may be used by subscribing utility entities to establish dynamic purchasing systems.

This Notice cancels and supersedes all previous qualification system notices for services for UVDB.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1. Review body

Official name: See section VI.3

Town: See section VI.3

Country: United Kingdom

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

For contracts subject to the EU Procurement legislation, utilities are required to incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the proposed award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification is required to provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

Where the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016 (SI 2016 No 274) apply, provision is made for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of duty under the regulations to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

Where the Utilities Contracts (Scotland) Regulations 2016 (SSI 2016 No 49) apply, provision is made for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of duty under the regulations to take action in the Sheriff Court or the Court of Session.

VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

30/10/2019