

France-Paris La Defense: Construction work
OJ S 238/2018 11/12/2018
Contract notice – utilities
Works

Legal Basis:

Directive 2014/25/EU

Section I: Contracting entity

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: INELFE — INterconexión ELéctrica Francia-España
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Main address: www.inelfe.eu
Address of the buyer profile: <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com/fr/login.html>

I.2. Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3. Communication

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at:
<https://rte-france.bravosolution.com>
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com>
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I.6. Main activity

Electricity

Section II: Object

II.1. Scope of the procurement

II.1.1. Title

INELFE — Biscay Gulf — Electrical Interconnection FR-SP — Cable Link

II.1.2. Main CPV code

45000000 Construction work

II.1.3. Type of contract

Works

II.1.4. Short description

The Biscay Gulf electrical Interconnection consists of the construction of a 2 000 MW link. This link is composed of 2 (two) circuits rated 1 000 MW each for DC operating voltage of 400 kV, comprised of 4 power cables, 4 converter station terminals located close to 400 kV Cubnezais substation (France) and Gatica substation (Spain). The length of the route is estimated to be approx. 375 km long starting in Spanish Pais Vasco region (near Bilbao), with underground cable of about 15 km, a submarine section around 280 km long, and an underground cable on the French side of about 80 km long to an ending point in Nouvelle Aquitaine (Gironde department, near Bordeaux).

The “Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection FR-ES” is a joint project developed by INELFE on behalf of Réseau Transport d'Electricité (RTE) and Red Electrica de España (REE) respectively the transmission system operators in France and Spain.

The project is supported by the European Union's Connecting Europe facility (CEF).

II.1.5. Estimated total value

II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

INELFE Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection — Circuit No. 1 — Submarine and Underground HVDC Cables/Accessories — Supply and Installation

Lot No: 1

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

45231400 Construction work for electricity power lines, 45262422 Subsea drilling work, 45314310 Installation of cable laying, 31321500 Submarine cable, 32560000 Fibre-optic materials

II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: ES España

NUTS code: FR France

Main site or place of performance: Pais Vasco region (near Bilbao) in Spain, Biscay Gulf in Spain and France, Nouvelle Aquitaine — Biscay Gulf — Gironde department (near Bordeaux) in France

II.2.4. Description of the procurement

2 HDVC power cable plus potentially 1 fibre optic link of a total route length of approximately 375 km between Spanish Pais Vasco region (near Bilbao), with a length of underground cable line in Spain of about 15 km, a submarine section around 280 km (including Capbreton canyon crossing), an underground cable in France of about 80 km long, and Nouvelle Aquitaine (Gironde department, near Bordeaux).

The power cables shall be capable to deliver 1 000 MW at receiving end.

The scope includes the design (including detail design), engineering, procurement, manufacturing, supply, transportation and installation, construction (including landfalls in Spain and in France as well as all off-shore civil works), testing, commissioning, spares provision, operational handover, warranty and maintenance of the cables. Terrestrial civil works for underground cables are excluded.

Lengths given are approximate and may be varied to allow for optimal production and installation cable lengths.

Both MIND and XLPE technologies are to be considered — if available.

The combination of the technologies is authorized if transition is situated on-shore near landfall.

For 400 kV XLPE technology, the bidders must note that the land and submarine cable systems (including the following accessories: factory joints, field joints, repair joints and terminations) must have successfully passed type tests and prequalification tests in accordance with CIGRE TB 496.

For information purpose — the satisfactory test certificates must be provided at the latest with the submission of the last technical offer currently foreseen on or before 3.6.2020 (this requirement will be detailed in the ITT).

For 400 kV MIND technology, the bidders must note that the land and submarine cable systems (including the following accessories: factory joints, field joints, repair joints and terminations) must have successfully passed type tests in accordance with CIGRE TB 189 for land cable system and TB 189 and TB 171 for submarine cable system.

Transition joint between 2 different manufacturers are not allowed on the submarine part on the circuit.

Provision of maintenance service alongside the obligation to rectify defects for a mandatory initial period after take over to align with the warranty period under the EPCI contract and manufacture, supply and delivery of replenishment spares for spares used during such period and may further include provision for delivery of spares for an extended period (beyond the warranty period) — all as further detailed in the Invitation to Tender (ITT) documents.

Option to provide for an extended maintenance service and/or provision of further spares beyond the warranty period/original period stated in the contract at the sole discretion of INELFE.

Further detail of the scope of the contract for this lot may be provided notably in the ITT documents.

See Section VI.3) for more details about the procurement process.

The contracting entity will be INELFE in its name and on behalf of REE and RTE as a central purchasing body.

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: 01/09/2020 End: 01/07/2025

This contract is subject to renewal: no

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

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

Details will be described in the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ).

II.2.10. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: yes

II.2.11. Information about options

Options: yes

Description of options:

Extension to the term of maintenance services (including any extension of spares provision) procured under this lot further details will be provided in ITT.

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: Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection FR-ES - Connecting Europe Facility programme - Trans-European Energy (ref 2.7-0013-FRES-W-M-17)

II.2.14. Additional information

Official communications shall be conducted via message board on the project's e-sourcing platform. All communications throughout the tender process related to the INELFE Biscay of Gulf project must be sent via this means. Any communications not sent via this e-sourcing portal may not receive a response.

INELFE, RTE and REE will not accept any responsibility should this happen.

II.2. Description

II.2.1. Title

INELFE Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection — Circuit No. 2 — Submarine and Underground HVDC Cables/Accessories — Supply and Installation

Lot No: 2

II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)

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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:

Details of conditions will be described in the PQQ.

All costs of completing and submitting any submission and any presentations of the submission are the responsibility of the Applicant(s).

Throughout the course of this procurement process, tenderers may be asked to translate and resubmit documents in French and/or in Spanish at their own expense.

III.1.2. Economic and financial standing

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Details of conditions will be described in the PQQ.

III.1.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Single company or in case of consortium, at least one member of consortium, shall meet the minimum in-house manufacturing capacity with regards to HVDC cables.

Further details of conditions will be described in the PQQ.

III.1.4. Objective rules and criteria for participation

List and brief description of rules and criteria:

Details of conditions will be described in the PQQ.

III.1.6. Deposits and guarantees required

Guarantees and Bonds will be required, the types and amounts will be defined/prescribed in the ITT, according to the applicable law.

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

Main financial conditions and payment arrangements will be described in the ITT.

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

Applicants may submit bids as:

- single company with proposed sub-contractors if necessary,
- consortium with proposed sub-contractors if necessary.

In case of applicants submit bids as a consortium, applications shall be submitted either by all the members of the consortium or by an agent who provides proof of the necessary authorizations to represent the other members of the consortium. Same economic operator may not be an agent of more than one consortium for the same contract. INELFE reserves its right to require economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded to take a particular legal form to be detailed in PQQ and/or ITT (joint only or joint and several liability), for performance of the contract insofar as this is necessary for such proper performance. Pre-qualification responses will be required from all members of the consortium. Any change in the form and/or composition of the single company or consortium at any point of the procedure shall be prior-approval of INELFE.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

IV.2. Administrative information

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

Date: 31/12/2018 Local time: 12:00

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

Date: 30/04/2019

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: 24 (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

The contract notice is under French law. The time for this contract notice is the French time. The applicable law of the future contracts will be French law. Official communications shall be conducted via the message board of e-procurement, namely <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com>

The duration of contract stated in Section II.2.7) refers to construction works with exclusion of defects rectification initial mandatory period.

Applicants wishing to participate in the pre-qualification process must request to participate via dedicated platform and provide:

(i) for single company — company name, main contact name and main contact address completed (in case of Joint Venture (JV) with brief description of JV and its structure) with contemplated list of main sub-contractors if necessary;

(ii) for Consortia — brief description of consortium structure, companies names, main contact name and main contact address with contemplated list of main sub-contractors if necessary

There will be required a binding letter with all participants signed by each company legal representative with power of attorney.

The main sub-contractors shall be understood as the ones that, the construction and/or manufacturing capacities are essential for project, and the proposal is based on.

To be observed that the PQQ will be populated on <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com> on later stage (after the closing of this contract notice) and following the return of signed non-disclosure agreement. The dedicated form will be provided to applicants once the expression of interest in participating in this event issued. The NDA shall be returned to INELFE within 5 working days after receipt.

The PQQ is a questionnaire divided into general questions regarding the applicants and more specific questions regarding the applicants experience relevant to the scope of the project as well as health and safety policies and experiences.

In case of consortium, each of the entities has to submit the documents required. In case of JV /Consortium additional details will be requested in the PQQ.

INELFE reserves its right to exclude Joint Venture/Consortium applicants that would change their composition partway through the process without prior approval from INELFE.

Applicant shall note that for certain aspects of the work, tenderer(s) may be required to select subcontractors from existing RTE and/or REE qualification system and/or use the pre-approved subcontractors' details of which will be set-out in the ITT or during tendering process. Applicants shall note that the aspects and proposed solutions for social insertion criteria may be set-out in the ITT and will be part of award criteria.

Applicants shall note that the aspects of ECOdesign and Eco-performance may be prescribed in the PQ and / or in the ITT as part of candidate's selection criteria and proposed solutions may be evaluated as part of award criteria.

Following the evaluation of the PQQ submissions in accordance with the PQQ instructions up to five (5) candidates will be shortlisted in accordance with the selection criteria specified in the PQQ documents to proceed to the ITT phase.

INELFE intends to procure the 'Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection FR-ES Project through a series of contracts comprising:

- 1 contract for converter stations,
- 2 contracts for cable link,
- 1 contract for terrestrial civil works.

The candidates to whom the contracts are awarded may be required to enter into one or more Interface Agreements with other contractors that are involved in the execution of the Biscay Gulf Electrical Interconnection FR-ES Project including any that are awarded any of the contracts referenced above. Such requirements may be in addition to coordination and collaboration obligations regarding interfaces between such contracts and this contract that will be further detailed in the ITT documents.

INELFE reserves its right to specify the conditions above mentioned in the PQQ and /or ITT documents.

VI.4. Procedures for review

VI.4.1.

Review body

Official name: Tribunal de grande instance de Nanterre — Instance chargée des procédures de recours

Postal address: 179-191, avenue Joliot-Curie

Town: Nanterre

Postal code: 92020

Country: France

Telephone: +33 140971010

Fax: +33 147243161

VI.4.3. Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

A claim in a precontractual summary proceeding is possible as stated in articles 5 et seq. of Order No. 2009-515 of 7.5.2009 related to complaint proceedings applicable to public procurement contracts. The claim must be lodged before the conclusion of the contract.

A claim in a contractual summary proceeding is possible as stated in articles 11 et seq. of Order No. 2009-515 of 7.5.2009 related to complaint proceedings applicable to public procurement contracts.

The claim must be lodged at the latest on the thirty first (31st) day following the publication of the contract award notice in the Official Journal of the European Union or, for the contracts based on a framework Agreement or on a dynamic purchasing system, following the notification of the contract signature. In the absence of publication of the award notice or in the absence of notification of the contract signature, an application to the competent court may be made until the expiry of a six (6) months period starting at the day after the date of conclusion of the contract in accordance with article 1441-3 of the French Code of Civil Procedure.

VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

07/12/2018