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**France-Paris: Engineering works and construction works  
2023/S 247-781517**

**Contract notice – utilities**

**Works**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/25/EU

**Section I: Contracting entity**

**I.1) Name and addresses**

Official name: RTE Réseau de Transport d'Electricité

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Main address: [www.rte-france.com](http://www.rte-france.com)

Address of the buyer profile: <https://rte-france.bravosolution.com>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, 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>

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

**I.6) Main activity**

Electricity

**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title:**

OFFSHORE SUBSTATIONS FOR THE AO5 AND AO6 OFFSHORE WIND FARMS (AND EXTENSIONS)  
CONNECTION TO THE RTE GRID (3 x HVAC 750 MW)

Reference number: 23446

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

45220000 Engineering works and construction works

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

**II.1.4) Short description:**

Within the framework of the French government Tenders for Offshore Wind Farms No 5 and 6 (AO5 and AO6 projects) which consist in developing three (3) Offshore Wind Farms off the French coasts, RTE is in charge of the development, construction and operation of the connection to its onshore grid, including the necessary three (3) Offshore Substations (HVAC 750 MW each).

Each of the three (3) Offshore Substations will be located approximately 40 to 50 km off the coast and will be equipped with a helideck.

Detailed description is available in Tab. 2.1 of the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) available at Bravo Solution portal.

The present notice thus relates to the EPCIC and O&M contracts for the Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Installation, Commissioning, as well as the Operation and Maintenance of the three (3) Offshore Substations.

II.1.5) **Estimated total value**

II.1.6) **Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.2) **Description**

II.2.2) **Additional CPV code(s)**

31121340 Wind farm

34514800 Offshore platforms

45244000 Marine construction works

45255120 Platforms facilities construction work

45255121 Topside facilities construction work

45255410 Offshore fabrication work

45255420 Onshore fabrication work

45259000 Repair and maintenance of plant

45262425 Jacket-fabrication work

50000000 Repair and maintenance services

50200000 Repair, maintenance and associated services related to aircraft, railways, roads and marine equipment

50324200 Preventive maintenance services

50530000 Repair and maintenance services of machinery

50532400 Repair and maintenance services of electrical distribution equipment

71300000 Engineering services

71320000 Engineering design services

76520000 Offshore services

50710000 Repair and maintenance services of electrical and mechanical building installations

II.2.3) **Place of performance**

NUTS code: FR France

Main site or place of performance:

AO5 BRE project is located in South Brittany (Atlantic Ocean).

AO6 NAR project is located in Narbonne area (Mediterranean Sea).

AO6 FOS project is located in Fos-sur-mer area (Mediterranean Sea).

II.2.4) **Description of the procurement:**

This procurement process aims at awarding (1) one single awardee with two (2) contracts for the three (3) Offshore Substations, namely:

- One (1) EPCIC contract including Engineering, Procurement, Construction, Transport and Installation (T&I), Commissioning, remedy of any defect of the HVAC Offshore Substations;

- One (1) O&M contract for the Operation and Maintenance of the HVAC Offshore Substations for a period up to twenty (20) years to be confirmed every five (5) years.

RTE reserves the right to adjust the contractual approach of the T&I and O&M activities during the further tendering process.

**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**

Duration in months: 336

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: 6

**II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

**II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options:

If applicable, options will be described in the further Invitation To Tender (ITT) documentation.

**II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

**II.2.13) Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

**II.2.14) Additional information**

Whether the Candidate is a joint venture (JV), a consortium or a single company/group, the entity responsible for the construction of the topsides and Project Management shall have a direct contractual relationship with RTE. Similarly, the entity responsible for any activity for which subcontracting is not allowed (see PQQ Tabs 4 and 6.2), shall have a direct contractual relationship with RTE.

**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:

Selection criteria are set out in the PQQ.

Please refer to the PQQ.

**III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Selection criteria are set out in the PQQ which include a minimum requirement in relation to financing standing that must be satisfied by the Candidate to be satisfactorily evaluated and selected.

Please refer to the PQQ.

**III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

Selection criteria are set out in the PQQ which include minimum requirements in relation to technical and professional abilities that must be satisfied by the Candidate to be satisfactorily evaluated and selected.

Please refer to the PQQ.

**III.1.4) Objective rules and criteria for participation**

List and brief description of rules and criteria:

Only those Candidates which meet the legal, financial and technical requirements will be invited to participate to the further ITT.

Please refer to the PQQ for full information about the rules and criteria for participation.

**III.1.6) Deposits and guarantees required:**

Bonds and Guarantees will be required.

The types, amounts and conditions will be defined in the further ITT documentation.

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

The Candidates may apply as:

- (i) a single Company,
- (ii) a Consortium or Joint Venture (JV).

A Candidate which will submit an offer as a member of a Consortium or a JV, shall not submit an offer as a single Company or with another Consortium or JV.

A Candidate which will submit an offer as a single Company, shall not submit an offer as a member of a Consortium or a JV.

Any Candidate that applies as a Consortium or a JV shall, as requested by Article R. 2142-24 of French Code de la Commande Publique, indicate its representative which will represent it with regard to RTE and coordinate its members roles.

Additional conditions may be added to the further ITT documentation.

In case of attribution, RTE reserves the right to ask :

- (i) all members of the Consortium to be jointly and severally liable, or,
- (ii) the leader of the Consortium to be jointly and severally liable of all other members.

Additional conditions may be added to the ITT documentation.

**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: no

**IV.2) Administrative information**

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

Date: 26/01/2024

Local time: 11:00

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

Date: 15/03/2024

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

English, French

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

### **VI.3) Additional information:**

Any interested parties wishing to apply to the pre-qualification process shall access the Request For Information (RFI) referenced 23446 in RTE's procurement portal (Bravo Solution).

Any Candidate shall thus register on the provided Internet page (see section I.3 of the present Contract notice). Pursuant to Article 28§6 of Regulation (EU) 2022/2560 of 14 December 2022 on foreign subsidies distorting the internal market, Candidates are informed that they are under the notification or declaration's obligation as set out in Article 29 of said Regulation.

Please refer to the PQQ Tab. 4 (Section 4.12).

RTE will not be responsible for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by the Candidate as a result of participating in the pre-qualification process.

Successful Candidates, whose PQQ returns have been evaluated, accepted and selected by RTE will be invited to the further Tender.

During the further Tender, RTE shall be entitled to eliminate at any time any Tenderer(s) for non-compliance with the rules of the Tender and shall reserve the right to short-list the Tenderers to be invited to participate to any next Round of Submission.

During the second Round of the Tender, the Tenderer(s) may be awarded for the performance of Early Works related to the Transformers design (if applicable) and may be subject to a financial compensation for the received Submission, under restricted conditions.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Official name: Tribunal de Grande Instance de Nanterre

Postal address: 179-191, avenue Joliot-Curie

Town: Nanterre

Postal code: 92020

Country: France

Telephone: +33 140971010

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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

A claim in a pre-contractual summary proceeding is possible as stated in articles 5 et seq. of Order NO.2009-515 of 7 May of 2009 related to complaint proceedings applicable to public procurement contracts.

The appeal must be lodged before the conclusion of the contract.

A claim in a pre-contractual summary proceeding is possible as stated in articles 11 et seq. of Order NO.2009-515 of 7 May of 2009 related to complaint proceedings applicable to public procurement contracts.

The appeal 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 contract award as stated in article 1441-3 of the Civil Procedure Code.

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

19/12/2023