

To Potential Service Providers

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Invitation Letter to Expression of Interest for NOA Constraint Management Pathfinder – Phase 1

Dear Industry Colleagues,

Following our announcement in September 2020 to tender for a Constraint Management service, we are today launching the Expression of Interest (EOI) to invite proposals from potential service providers. We are seeking solutions to help manage constraints on the Anglo-Scottish boundary for a service between 1 October 2022 and 30 September 2023. Solutions in this EOI are sought from commercial providers and while a submission as part of this EOI, does not commit the potential provider to participate in the tender assessment, acceptance by National Grid Electricity System Operator (NGESO) of an EOI submission is required to progress to next stages of the process.

Supporting Documents

This letter is accompanied by several other documents – a brief description of each is set out below - which together comprise the EOI and can be found on our website. The accompanying documents are:

- Invitation for Expressions of Interest slide deck
- Expression of interest submission form
- Technical Specification
- Draft Contract Terms

Invitation for Expressions of Interests

This slide deck sets the context of NOA Constraint Management Pathfinder Phase 1 and provides an outline of the activities and timelines in this EOI.

Expression of interest submission form

Prospective commercial providers are invited to complete the excel form included as part of this EOI to set out details of their proposed solutions. A submission may be made at any point within the EOI submission window.

NOTE: Only proposed solutions that meet all the criteria listed in “Expression of Interest Criteria” slide of the EOI slide pack, will be invited to participate in the tender.

Technical Specification

The technical specification outlines technical performance requirements that are required by potential solutions. The specification is written on a technology neutral basis to ensure all technology types can participate in the tender process.

Draft Contract Terms

As part of this EOI, we have shared draft Contract Terms which provide an initial view of the terms that we intend to apply to this service. Alongside the EOI window, we are carrying out a consultation on the draft contract terms for providers to share their feedback, before the terms are finalised prior to the launch of the tender assessment.

Next Steps

Proposals that successfully meet all the EOI criteria will be invited to participate in the tender assessment.

A full timeline of all activities relating to the NOA Constraint Management Pathfinder Phase 1, including the deadline to submit EOI proposals, are set out in the Invitation for Expressions of Interest slide pack.

Further Information

For further information please contact box.networkdevelopment.roadmap@nationalgrideso.com.

You can also keep up to date with our Pathfinders on our [webpage](#) and by subscribing to our [newsletter](#) (and selecting Network Options Assessment)

Yours faithfully

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