

Prospective Service Providers

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Reference: EC5-Enduring Constraint Management Intertrip Service (CMIS) Expression of Interest

Dear Industry Colleagues,

Thank you for your participation in the EC5-Enduring Constraint Management Intertrip Service (CMIS) Consultation, dating from Thursday 2nd November 2023 to Friday 1st December 2023.

The Electricity System Operator (“ESO”) have now launched the Expression of Interest (EOI) stage for the EC5-Enduring Constraint Management Intertrip Service (CMIS) and have used your consultation feedback to inform updates in the Service Specification and Standard Contract Terms documents. As a reminder, the ESO are seeking solutions to help manage constraints on the East Anglian (EC5) boundary, for expected service delivery between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2029.

During this stage, suppliers indicate their interest in joining the service by populating and returning the Expression of Interest (EOI) submission proforma.

The technical feasibility of the proposed solutions will then be assessed in accordance with the process and principles outlined in the EC5-Enduring CMIS Service Specification and successful participants will be invited to the commercial tender stage.

Please note, an EOI submission does not commit the prospective service provider to participate in the next stage of the tender process. However, the ESO does require an EOI submission by the deadline below for a provider to progress to the next stage of the tender process.

For further information, please contact box.cmis@nationalgrideso.com, visit the ESO [website](#), and also subscribe to the ESO [Network Options Assessment Newsletter](#) for updates, both in relation to the EC5-Enduring CMIS as well as other Network Services Procurement activities.

Next Steps

Please return the Expression of Interest (EOI) submission proforma by **Friday 16th February 2024**.

Yours sincerely

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Supporting Documents

This letter is accompanied by several other documents associated with the EC5-Enduring CMIS, as referenced below:

- **EC5-Enduring CMIS Invitation for Expressions of Interest Presentation**

This briefly summarises the process for submitting an EOI to the ESO and the indicative timeline for the EC5-Enduring CMIS process from hereon in. The EC5-Enduring CMIS Invitation for Expressions of Interest Presentation can be found on the [website](#).

- **EC5-Enduring CMIS Service Specification**

This document provides interested parties and prospective participants with the details of the EC5-Enduring CMIS service. This includes the rationale and background of the service, contract award process, as well as the commercial aspects and the technical requirements of the service. The EC5-Enduring CMIS Service Specification can be found on the [website](#).

- **EC5-Enduring CMIS Framework Agreement**

This document is the umbrella agreement that technically feasible assets will be invited to sign at Tender Submission stage. It sets out the details of the provider and their asset but does not alone enable the ESO to utilise the asset for the service. It is the tender process (outlined in the Service Specification) that determines which assets are connected to the intertrip scheme for the EC5-Enduring CMIS. The Framework Agreement must be signed in conjunction with the tender submission. The EC5-Enduring Constraint Management Intertrip Service Framework Agreement can be found on the [website](#).

- **EC5-Enduring CMIS Standard Contract Terms**

This document outlines the tender procedure, alongside details of the service such as payment terms and utilisation. The section on Constraint Management Intertrip Service (CMIS) Tenders shall become binding on parties at the point of signing the EC5-Enduring Constraint Management Intertrip Service Framework Agreement, with the rest of the contract taking effect should parties be successful in the tender process. The ESO has also provided a tracked changes version of the EC5-Enduring Constraint Management Intertrip Service Standard Contract Terms, to highlight any changes made following the conclusion of the consultation process. The EC5-Enduring Constraint Management Intertrip Service Standard Contract Terms can be found on the [website](#).

- **EC5-Enduring CMIS Consultation - Industry Feedback and Responses**

This briefly summarises the major changes made to the relevant EC5-Enduring CMIS documentation following the consultation process, undertaken between Thursday 2nd November 2023 and Friday 1st December 2023. The EC5-Enduring CMIS Consultation Feedback Summary can be found on the [website](#).

- **EC5-Enduring CMIS Expression of Interest Submission Proforma**

This is the Excel proforma that interested providers must populate and return to the ESO via box.cmis@nationalgrideso.com before the submission deadline of 16th February 2024, to declare an interest in the service and enter into the next stage of the tender process, as outlined in the EC5-Enduring CMIS Service Specification. The EC5-Enduring CMIS Expression of Interest Submission Proforma can be found on the [website](#).

The above documents together comprise the EC5-Enduring CMIS EOI and can be found on the ESO [website](#).