

Electricity Network Innovation Competition Full Submission
Supplementary Answer Form

Project: EVOLUTION

Tick if this answer has been provided verbally: ☐

Project code	SPD/EN/01	Question Number	24
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Question	Please explain how you have ensured value for money in the appointment of Vodafone		
Notes on question			
Answer	<p>Vodafone have not been officially appointed to undertake any work as part of the delivery requirements of Project EVOLUTION. The involvement of Vodafone in the development of the bid was to ask their advice and obtain a forecast of costs that would be required to develop and deliver a new M2M communications solution to enable a low cost communication infrastructure to sites that will serve as active participants within the DSO operation.</p> <p>Vodafone were approached to provide this forecast of costs as a consequence of the completion of a Strategic Telecoms contract that was awarded to Vodafone in parallel with the completion of the Final Submission Proforma, following a competitive tender process undertaken by our existing SP Energy Networks Strategic Communications and Real Time Systems Department. Therefore having tested the market for this type of infrastructure Vodafone provided the required communications infrastructure at the most competitive cost. The costs they have quoted for undertaking the activity of the EVOLUTION project are in line with that competitive tender process that was completed by the business and they have further enhanced their offering by reducing day rates for delivery activity further enhancing the value for money to GB consumers from working with Vodafone and completing the EVOLUTION project.</p>		
Attachments			

