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Planning

Sustainment Delivery Partnership (SDP)

AWE plc

F01: Prior information notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

AWE plc

AWE Aldermaston

Reading

RG7 4PR

Contact

Christopher

Email

CapitalSCM@awe.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.awe.co.uk>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Sustainment Delivery Partnership (SDP)

Reference number

C0001605

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 50600000 - Repair and maintenance services of security and defence materials

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

AWE Plc (“AWE”) is seeking expressions of interest for pre-market engagement regarding the establishment of a Contract arrangement for the management of the enhancement of AWE facilities within the wider AWE Estate, including, maintenance and repair, scope definition, design, procurement, installation of equipment such as plumbing, heating and air conditioning, mechanical and electrical, and project management function, whereby the arrangement created will be known as the “Sustainment Delivery Partnership” (SDP). AWE shall carry out pre-market engagement with suppliers to investigate the current market capabilities and gain knowledge about existing and future products and techniques which may assist informing AWE in the development of the sourcing strategy.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £550,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79993000 - Building and facilities management services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

For clarity this PIN not a call for competition, but for a pre-market engagement workshop and information gathering only.

Supported by a coordinating function, the intention is that the Sustainment Delivery Partnership shall provide four key strategic activities.

1. Operational Excellence:

Embedded within AWE, the Operational Excellence team shall enable a programme that sustains and improves delivery through the Contract;

2. Services Management:

Provide capable resources to augment Engineering, Maintenance & Projects team reporting to AWE Line Manager;

3. Reactive Management:

Provide ad-hoc engineering solution for urgent repairs or unplanned maintenance; and

4. Project Management:

Deliver annual programme of project intervention to design, install and commission new equipment.

Further information regarding AWE can be found at <https://www.awe.co.uk/>

It is envisaged that the Contract shall be for a minimum term of 7 years (including an option to extend (+3 +3-year extensions at AWE's discretion)) however the term shall be discussed during pre-market engagement. The Contract is expected to have a value of circa £550m.

The output from this PIN will inform the approach AWE will take to procure Works, Services

and Goods to sustain and enhance key facilities within the AWE estate in order to enable capability through increased reliability, and predictability. Through a pre-market engagement event and further discussion with interested suppliers AWE shall clarify and develop the contract value, contract structure and sourcing strategy (procedure).

Please note that this PIN and the subsequent pre-market engagement event is not a call for competition, and should any procurement result, appropriate procurement documentation will be released at that stage. AWE will hold a preliminary engagement event with a presentation to provide details to interested parties about our requirement. This shall be on a date and timing to be confirmed. Suppliers should send their expression of interest to CapitalSCM@awe.co.uk and Christopher.turner@awe.co.uk with the subject “CC0001605 – Expression of Interest”, by 22/12/2022 (“Expression of Interest Deadline”) in order to be invited to the event.

AWE request respondents to this PIN provide options on availability for engagement, via a one-to-one Teams meeting, when sending Expressions of Interest (EOI) to the email address detailed in section I.1. 9th Jan 2023 to the 24th Jan 2023. Once EOI is received AWE will send a calendar invite via MS Outlook to be held within the month of January.

Prior to the presentation, attendees shall be invited to complete and submit a written response to the PIN Questionnaire which shall be provided by AWE upon receipt of an Expression of Interest from respondents.

For the avoidance of doubt, this pre-market engagement exercise is not part of a formal procurement process. Involvement in the pre-market engagement does not prejudice or preclude other organisations from taking part in any subsequent procurement exercise. Any decision by a potential participant to respond or not respond to the pre-market engagement will have no impact on or reflect in any manner on any future procurement process.

AWE shall, post Market Engagement, inform suppliers who shall be required to engage with AWE security process and sign the AWE Security Aspects Letter. AWE hold reservation of rights to reject any supplier who does not meet our minimum security standards.

Each respondent must ensure when responding to the PIN both the following email addresses must be included as recipients: CapitalSCM@awe.co.uk | Christopher.turner@awe.co.uk

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 September 2023

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Conditions regarding this PIN:

- 1) This PIN is not a call for competition and is not published to reduce time limits for the receipt of tenders;
- 2) AWE reserves the right not to commence any procurement or award any contract in respect of this opportunity;
- 3) The information contained in this PIN may be subject to change due to the impact of governance, assurance, regulatory changes and/or the pre-market engagement outcomes. Insofar as is permitted by law, AWE shall not be liable for any losses incurred by any party as a result of reliance on the information contained/linked herein;
- 4) Failure to register an interest in connection with this PIN shall not prevent an organisation from participating in any formal call for competition.