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Planning

Project and Asset Care Execution (PACE)

Sellafield Ltd

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Other activity

Nuclear Decommissioning

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Project and Asset Care Execution (PACE)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 45000000 - Construction work

II.1.3) Type of contract

Works

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice (PIN), without call for competition, is to alert the market that Sellafield Ltd intends to commence market engagement activity for the forthcoming Project and Asset Care Execution (PACE) Contract Opportunity.

PACE will be the successor to the Integrated Asset Care (IAC) framework and will maintain asset condition, and will provide new asset capabilities when needed, at the Sellafield Site in Cumbria. PACE will not be a like for like replacement for IAC but will build upon the existing IAC framework by including, higher value gated projects and design capability to deliver asset care for a scope of work, which includes jobs, tasks and projects in operational nuclear facilities in radiologically controlled areas.

As a result of this PIN and as part of the market engagement activity, Sellafield Ltd is seeking to obtain feedback on the proposed different contracting strategy delivery models, which use a varying number of Integrated Delivery Partners and the proposed long 15 year contract terms duration, that are currently under consideration, as set out in the supporting PACE PIN 1 Market Engagement Information document shared via Atamis, as referred to in II.2.14.1 Additional Information.

Interested parties can provide their feedback on the proposed contracting strategy delivery models and contract term duration by completing a PACE Request for Information (RfI) template which can be obtained from, and when completed submitted via Atamis, as referred to in II.2.14.1 Additional Information.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,400,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45100000 - Site preparation work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD11 - West Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Sellafield Site

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The main scope for PACE will be to deliver jobs, tasks and projects in nuclear facilities within the Spent Fuel Management (SFM) and Special Nuclear Materials (SNM) areas, but with the potential to deliver jobs and tasks across any onsite nuclear facility where needed. The majority of the work will take place in operational nuclear facilities and in radiologically controlled areas. The work involves maintaining existing asset condition and providing new asset capabilities when needed, which requires a level of Sellafield Ltd Integrated Partner engagement, subject matter expertise and assurance. Typically, the work will be in line with the following:

- design, procurement, installation, modifications and commissioning of plant and equipment, and their dismantlement and removal;
- asset care and support activities; and
- integrated project controls and project management.

The delivery of the scope will be via the placement of packages of work that vary in size and complexity. With the description provided as high level examples only, these work packages are categorised as follows:

- Jobs, small work content and short duration such as asset repairs;
- Tasks, medium work content and duration such as an asset replacement;
- Minor Projects, complex work involving multi disciplines such as the replacement of a series of assets ; and
- Gated Projects, high value complex work involving multi disciplines, such as the installation of new types of assets.

With the description provided again as high level examples only, the capabilities that will be required fit broadly into the following work disciplines and service types:

- Civil works, including roofing, painting, fencing, roads and paths etc;
- Mechanical works, including heating and ventilation, pipework, steelwork etc;
- Electrical works, including building lighting, alarm systems, instrumentation etc; and
- Project works, including Project, Contract & Cost Management etc.

The proposed strategy for the agreement duration is up to a maximum 15-year framework, with an optional break point at year 9. The proposed extended contract term duration reflects the mobilisation and ramp up involved in building up the required expertise in the access, security and safe working requirements associated with the complex working arrangements at the Sellafield site. The extended contract term duration is also considered necessary to provide potential suppliers with the confidence to sustainably invest in technologies and in training their workforce to provide them with the critical skills needed to support delivery of the potentially complex work.

The value of the work will be subject to ongoing governance and approval on an annual basis, but for planning purposes the mid-range estimate of the anticipated framework value across all of the work package categories for the maximum duration of 15 years is £2,400,000,000 (£2,400m).

II.2.14) Additional information

As referenced to in I.3) Communication, the market engagement activity will be managed via the shared service Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) OneNDA eCommercial Systems powered by Atamis (Atamis), which can be accessed via the URL <https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome> .

Along with the issue of further PIN's going forward, Atamis will be used to facilitate and provide details of further Market Engagement activity that we intend to use going forward such as webinars, face to face and further Rfl requests. It is therefore important that interested organisations monitor Contracts Finder, the Find a Tender Service and Atamis for further PIN's and market engagement activities relating to the PACE Contract Opportunity.

Once you have registered on Atamis, you can access using the record reference C17465, the PACE PIN 1 Market Engagement Information and the PACE Rfl template documents referred to in II.1.4.1 Short Description above.

If you are interested in providing feedback on our proposed delivery models and proposed contract term duration, you should again access Atamis using record reference C17465 and upload and return your completed Rfl template by attaching it to a message using the 'New Messages' functionality. Completed Rfl's should be returned at the earliest opportunity and preferably by 12:00 on Tuesday 23rd January 2024.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

3 October 2024

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