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## **AWE Solar Programme - Burghfield (AWE(B))**

AWE PLC

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04d01d

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

AWE PLC

Room 20, Building F161.2 Atomic Weapons Establishment

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RG74PR

#### **Email**

[AWEProcurement@awe.co.uk](mailto:AWEProcurement@awe.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ11 - Berkshire

#### **Companies House**

02763902

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.awe.co.uk](http://www.awe.co.uk)

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

AWE Procurement Portal

Reading

**Email**

[AWEPurchase@awe.co.uk](mailto:AWEPurchase@awe.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.awe.co.uk](http://www.awe.co.uk)

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

AWE Solar Programme - Burghfield (AWE(B))

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45315300 - Electricity supply installations

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

AWE intends to approach the market with a Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015 Competitive Procedure with Negotiation (CPN) for the provision of renewable solar energy supplying AWE Burghfield (AWE(B)) via a direct wire connection.

The Generator's scope includes the design, obtaining of land and planning permission for, associated construction, operations and maintenance of a solar PV farm directly connected to the AWE(B) site via a private wire, together with all associated secondary consents, licences, permissions, and approvals.

The contract will be awarded to a single supplier for a term of 30 years, with no option to extend beyond the term.

The total contract value is expected as £48m ex VAT.

Interested parties must register their intention to participate by emailing [AWEProcurement@AWE.co.uk](mailto:AWEProcurement@AWE.co.uk) using subject: AWE Solar Programme - Burghfield (AWE(B)). Upon receipt, AWE will issue the interested party with a) a link to register on AWE's Procurement Portal and b) a Confidentiality Agreement. Completion of both are mandatory to access the full suite of tender documents.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £48,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 09310000 - Electricity
- 09330000 - Solar energy
- 45000000 - Construction work
- 50800000 - Miscellaneous repair and maintenance services
- 51100000 - Installation services of electrical and mechanical equipment
- 71323100 - Electrical power systems design services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Within 5 mile radius of AWE Burghfield, Reading RG30 3RR

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

This Procurement is for the provision of renewable Solar Photovoltaic (PV) energy supplying AWE Burghfield (AWE(B)). The Solar PV farm will deliver 11 Megawatt Peak (MWp) via a direct private wire connection. The Supplier shall (but not limited to):

- Design the solar PV farm and associated connections;
- Obtain land and necessary planning permission, including: all associated secondary consents; Licences; Permissions and approvals for construction;
- Construct and commission solar PV farm;
- Operate and maintain the Solar PV farm for the Contract Term.

The Contract will run for a period of 30 years with no option to extend beyond the initial term. Form of Contract shall be a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA). At the end of the Contract the operational facility shall be handed over to AWE.

The estimated total value of the Contract is £48m exc VAT.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

11 February 2025

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## **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