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Planning

AWE Solar Programme - Burghfield (AWE(B))

AWE PLC

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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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

READING

RG74PR

Email

AWEProcurement@awe.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ11 - Berkshire

Companies House

02763902

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.awe.co.uk

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

AWE Procurement Portal

Reading

Email

AWEPurchase@awe.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.awe.co.uk

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

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 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

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