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Process, Plant & Equipment Partner For Conventional & Fissile Projects

AWE PLC

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

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

Electronic access to information

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/>

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/>

Further information

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For the attention of

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Country

United Kingdom

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Management & Operations

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Process, Plant & Equipment Partner For Conventional & Fissile Projects

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Works

Execution

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

AWE Aldermaston & Burghfield sites

NUTS code

- UKJ - SOUTH EAST (ENGLAND)

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

To deliver our critical mission in supporting the UK's defence and security, AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment) is embarking on multi-billion investment programme to construct on-site facilities that are meet the needs of the programme.

As part of the investment programme, AWE is seeking two to three Engineering Partners to lead the design, installation and commissioning of the complex engineering plant and equipment essential to meet the facilities strategic outcomes. The PPE Partner(s) will not only act as engineering lead, but as integrator and supply chain expert to ensure engineering solutions are aligned to building constraints and stakeholder requirements, including cost and schedule. They will be a strategic partner accountable for the system design and engineering solution to meet business need. The scope has been segmented into two distinct activities:

- Lot 1 (est. value £750m) will appoint PPE Partner to lead the delivery of PP&E in our conventional and explosives but non nuclear facilities.
- Lots 2 & 3 (est. value £600m) will appoint 1 to 2 PP&E Partner(s) to lead the complex engineering commissioning in our Fissile facilities.

To register interest suppliers should email justin.hearn@awe.co.uk who will provide

access to the Selection Questionnaire via Compete4/Delta-Sourcing.

Please note:

AWE Ltd is the management and operating organisation which provides the UK's nuclear deterrent capability. At the time of this notice being published, AWE does not have a legal obligation to undertake a regulated procurement process as it is not a contracting authority for the purpose of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations (DSPCR 2011) and Public Contracts Regulations (PCR 2015). Be that as it may, and without prejudice to the question of whether an exemption might have in any event been available under procurement legislation, AWE intends to carry out a fair and transparent contract award process and to that end, will align voluntarily aspects of this process to the DSPCR 2011 where possible and appropriate in its view. For the purposes of advertising this opportunity voluntarily and establishing the long list of suppliers for the qualification process, AWE has utilised the Find A Tender portal to maximise the visibility of this opportunity to eligible suppliers. The configuration of this portal requires AWE to specify the regulated procedure on the basis of which the contract award will be determined. Accordingly, AWE has specified that it will use the negotiated procedure under the DSPCR 2011. For the avoidance of doubt, the reference to the negotiated procedure in the notice does not prejudice AWE's ability to depart from any DSPCR 2011 requirements that relate to this procedure or more generally where it considers it appropriate to do so. For the avoidance of doubt, AWE does not consider itself to be regulated by the provisions of the DSPCR 2011 for this contract award process and therefore the selection of this procedure or any other references to contracting authority or DSPCR 2011 in this notice is not intended to create any rights or obligations under procurement legislation.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 45000000 - Construction work

Additional CPV code(s)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Information about lots

Lot No

1

Lot title

Conventional Production and Scientific Capability Partner Framework

1) Short description

Lot 1 is for the Conventional Production and Scientific Capability Partner Framework (CPSCPF). The delivery partner will be responsible for undertaking design, construction and installation of complex manufacturing cells, processes, and support facilities/systems, including the procurement, integration, installation and commissioning of engineering equipment. The intent of the framework is to support AWE with the delivery of future new build facilities as well as with the refurbishment and upgrade of existing non-nuclear facilities. This will encompass processes involving materials which are non-nuclear but require the handling and management of hazardous and toxic materials.

The framework has an estimated contract value of circa £750m with an initial 4 years period and an option to extend a further 3 years.

2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 45000000 - Construction work

Lot No

2

Lot title

Aurora Manufacturing Partnership PP&E Partner

1) Short description

Lot 2 is for the Aurora Manufacturing Partnership PP&E Partner where experience and capability of integrating PP&E into a high hazard, nuclear facility is required. The contract term is anticipated to be 10.5 years covering the life of the project with an estimated value of up to £400M.

The PP&E Partner will need to demonstrate experience of being a technical integrator in delivery of a programme involving a process, plant and equipment-based solution for a technically complex production process within the nuclear sector. The project has significant technical and logistical challenges that create a significant level of complexity in delivery.

Note for the purposes of the SQ this Lot will be assessed with Lot 3. The Lot 2 contract

will be placed as a direct contract with AWE.

2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 45000000 - Construction work

CPV additional

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

Lot No

3

Lot title

EUP Project 6 PP&E Partner

1) Short description

Lot 3 is for the EUP PP&E Partner where experience and capability of integrating PP&E into a high hazard, nuclear facility is required.

Experience and capability of integrating PP&E into a high hazard, nuclear facility is required. The contract term is anticipated to be 7.5 years covering the life of the project with an estimated value of up to £300M.

The PP&E Partner will need to demonstrate experience of being a technical integrator in delivery of a programme involving a process, plant and equipment-based solution for a technically complex production process within the nuclear sector. The project has significant technical and logistical challenges that create a significant level of complexity in delivery.

Note for the purposes of the SQ this Lot will be assessed with Lot 2. The Lot 3 contract will be placed as a contract with AWE's Delivery Partner (Amentum).

2) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 45000000 - Construction work

CPV additional

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Negotiated

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

12 March 2021 - 2:00pm

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English