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Award

RAICo - Radiation Hot Cell Through Wall Manipulators

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

F15: Voluntary ex ante transparency notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-004104

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0373ec

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Main address

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-atomic-energy-authority>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/72814>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Fusion Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

RAICo - Radiation Hot Cell Through Wall Manipulators

Reference number

T/PJP174/22

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 42997300 - Industrial robots

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

UKAEA RACE - RAICo are investigating the use of through wall manipulators in hazardous nuclear decommissioning site locations.

The development and ultimate deployment of high technology, high performing handling systems is a key element in addressing numerous use cases that have been aligned with the RAICo programme. In doing so, RAICo will play a vital part in removing operators from high hazard nuclear decommissioning environments, providing a safe remote working environment, hot cells with a remote handling capability being one example of these.

This PIN seeks to determine the current and future market capability in terms of candidate robot manipulators that are, or could be, capable of operating in place of human operators in a hot cell environment.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £454,396

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

TBD (Whitehaven, Cumbria or Culham, Oxfordshire.

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Robotic through wall manipulators capable of operating in hazardous radiation hot cell environments in place of human operators.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The authority published a prior information notice calling for expressions of interest from suppliers who either had an existing or were developing a product capable of meeting our base performance envelope. We received four responses with the outcomes as follows:

1 - Responded that they could not meet the requirements either now or in the future so were discounted.

2 - Responded that they had a product, but when we requested a meeting to discuss in more detail they confirmed they had no offering and declined our meeting stating this was not something they could supply.

3 - WMH indicated they could meet our requirement.

4 - Another supplier also indicated they could provide a suitable product and we continue to have discussions with them

As it was the authority's intention to purchase more than one manipulator from different suppliers we concluded running a formal tender process was not good use of taxpayers funds and decided on a direct award process to one or both of the two respondents to our PIN, who indicated that they could meet our technical as outlined, this is subject to us assessing the quotes as being VFM..

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-028259](#)

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

Contract not awarded yet

Title

Supply of a Radiation Hardened Through Wall Manipulator

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

27 January 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

Wälischmiller Engineering GmbH

Schießstattweg 16,D - 88677 Markdorf

Markdorf

D - 88677

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE - Germany

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £454,396

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-atomic-energy-authority>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

VI.4.2)Body responsible for mediation procedures

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

The authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers.

This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the authority before a contract is entered into applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request. Additional debriefing and that information have to be provided within a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be sought from the contact named in this notice.

If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

Any such action must be brought promptly.

(generally within 3 months).

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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