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Planning

Demineralised Water Contingency

Sellafield Limited

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/sellafield-ltd>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Demineralised Water Contingency

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 65121000 - Water demineralisation services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Demineralised Water Contingency

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £90,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 45232430 - Water-treatment work

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD11 - West Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Sellafield

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Sellafield Ltd (Sellafield) is seeking to obtain market feedback on the proposed Draft Demineralisation Plant Contingency Requirements Functional Specification Spec.Func.Demin_01 and its attractiveness to the market.

The Sellafield Demineralised Water Plant (SDWP) supports the operations of the Sellafield site, however, a potential issue exists if SDWP enters a period of prolonged or unplanned outage.

Sellafield is looking for a supplier to support in the development of a contingency to supply a temporary demineralised water plant, which will support the continued supply of demineralised water to the Sellafield site. The chosen supplier will be required to support the site in a fast and flexible manner when required. The desired model calls for the supplier to respond within an agreed time and deliver a fully working unit to site and take over the production of demineralised water at the site, which is to be produced to the constraints outlined in the Spec.Func.Demin_01. This unit is to be set-up and controlled by the supplier with no involvement from Sellafield staff.

Specification Spec.Func.Demin_01 which specifies the requirements of the contingency arrangement is included with this notice.

II.2.14) Additional information

Early Market Engagement

A decision has been taken by Sellafield to explore the options of having a mobile demineralised water treatment plant as a contingency for SDWP.

Sellafield have developed a draft functional specification Spec.Func.Demin_01 that outlines what the demineralised water treatment plant contingency arrangement should be capable of providing should Sellafield's current demineralised water treatment encounter an issue.

Potentially the contingency arrangement could be in place for up to a period of 4 years.

Sellafield wishes to test the market to obtain feedback. This feedback should be centred around:

- The feasibility of meeting the water quality standards outlined in Spec.Func.Demin_01
- The ability to respond within the time constraints outlined
- The transportation and storage of the unit
- The power requirements of the unit
- The ability to run the unit without access to the Sellafield power grid if required
- The general level of availability of the units and response times to requests currently
- The options for provision of the service, e.g. a long term hire agreement or an Operate, Manage and Maintain arrangement

This will allow Sellafield to work with the supply chain to create a strong, deliverable specification that isn't overly onerous for the supplier while still delivering Sellafield needs and providing the UK taxpayer with value for money.

Organisations are invited to submit responses via Sellafield's Atamis Procurement portal <https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome> to the 'Lines of Enquiry' set out in Appendix A.

- Please submit responses via the Atamis Procurement portal messaging function ref Atamis C17722.
- Please ensure responses are submitted no later than 22nd February 2024 "Response Deadline"

Sellafield will review responses to this PIN and consider incorporation of any amendments to Spec.Func.Demin_01, however, this will be entirely at Sellafield's discretion.

Sellafield is committed to open, fair, and transparent procurement processes and, following completion of this PIN, Sellafield intends to conduct a regulated process through the placement of a Contract Notice on the Find a Tender Service and in accordance with Public Contracts Regulations (PCR) 2015.

Please complete the 'Lines of Enquiry' and submit any questions you would like to discuss further with Sellafield as part of this early phase of development.

Scope and Specification

The current functional specification is being reviewed and assured, with the final approved version being made available within the tender documentation. To give potential bidders an overview of the services that will be required, Draft Functional Specification Spec.Func.Demin_01 can be found within Appendix C in the Atamis Procurement portal.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

1 May 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

To access the Draft Demineralisation Plant Contingency Requirements Functional Specification Spec.Func.Demin_01 and 'Lines of Enquiry' suppliers should use the Atamis Procurement Portal <https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome> once there click View our Live Opportunities and search for C17722.