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Contract

## **15MW Drive Train Test Facility Upgrade - ORE/22/100**

Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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#### **Contact**

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#### **Telephone**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ore.catapult.org.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.ore.catapult.org.uk>

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

Other type

Compliance with grant funding agreement

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research and Development

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

15MW Drive Train Test Facility Upgrade - ORE/22/100

Reference number

DN640176

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45220000 - Engineering works and construction works

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

Works

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

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This tender is being issued by the Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult ('ORE Catapult') as a competitive procurement exercise in accordance with the 'Competitive Procedure with Negotiation' for tendering under the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended from time to time).

After a number of years of world-leading testing, ORE Catapult now have a requirement to upgrade the existing Drive Train to ensure the facility is ready to serve turbines of around 25MW. ORE Catapult therefore intend to appoint a single contractor (or consortium) to design, procure, construct and commission an upgrade to the existing 15MW capable Drive Train Test Facility at its site in Blyth, Northumberland. Due to funding arrangement this will be an aggressive build programme. Therefore, ORE Catapult reserve the right to vary the Contract term following discussion with suppliers during the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation process. ORE Catapult reserve the right to add additional requirements to the minimum Scope of the Works during the Contract life, as it is deemed appropriate within the Scope of the Works. ORE Catapult has determined that the requirement is not suitable for dividing into lots as it is not appropriate to have the various elements of the Works delivered by separate suppliers due to the complexity of the requirements. Accordingly, ORE Catapult intends to award a single contract for the requirement. ORE Catapult reserve the right to award a Contract on the basis of the initial tender without entering into negotiation where it is in their best interest to do so. ORE Catapult also reserve the right to carry out the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation in successive stages in order to reduce the number of tenders to be negotiated. ORE Catapult will inform remaining tenderers of the common deadline to submit new or revised tenders.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £63,037,705.59 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 45214620 - Research and testing facilities construction work

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

NUTS codes

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

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

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#### **Stage 1 Selection Questionnaire**

Consider / evaluate information submitted to ascertain eligibility to be invited to tender. A short list, resulting from this SQ, of three (3) tenderers (where there are at least three (3) suitably qualified, experienced tenderers) will be created. Where there are less than three (3) suitably qualified tenderers, all suitably qualified tenderers will be invited to proceed to Stage 2 Invitation to Participate ("ITP"). All SQ responses shall be considered / evaluated following the published deadline date / time for submission All tenderers shall be advised of their status and only those short listed shall be invited to participate in Stage 2. ORE

Catapult may, at its sole discretion, decide not to proceed to Stage 2 if it is deemed not to be in our best interest to do so.

### Stage 2 Non-Disclosure Agreement (NDA)

Preferred Tenderers will enter into an NDA within two (2) weeks to facilitate full disclosure of all other relevant sensitive and proprietary documentation as stated in the draft NDA at Appendix 5. Tenderers unable to agree an NDA within this time period may be eliminated from further competition.

### Stage 3 Issue Invitation to Participate

This stage will include the preliminary design / FEED. ORE Catapult has set aside funding for this stage to allow tenderers to submit preliminary designs, together with cost estimates as part of their Initial ITP Response. Expected outputs from Preliminary Design phase shall be as follows:

- Project charter including participants, roles and responsibilities • Methodology and programme for detailed design phase
- Outline programme showing key dates and project completion
- Outline target cost plan
- List of assumptions
- Clarifications required and outstanding information needed
- Preliminary Risk Register

Tenderers shall be required to submit an initial Tender which shall be the basis for any subsequent negotiations.

### Stage 4 Draft ITP Submission

Tenderers shall be required to submit tenders, including preliminary design, in accordance with the details / instructions set out in the ITP.

### Stage 5 Negotiations

ORE Catapult reserve the right to award a Contract on the basis of the initial tender without entering into negotiation where it is in their best interest to do so. ORE Catapult reserve the right to carry out the Competitive procedures with Negotiation in successive stages in order to reduce the number of tenders to be negotiated.

ORE Catapult will inform remaining tenderers of the common deadline to submit new or revised tenders.

#### Stage 6 Final Tender submission (Best and Final Offer “BAFO”)

ORE Catapult verify best and final tenders to ensure they conform to minimum requirements and evaluate on the basis of the published award criteria in ITP.

#### Stage 7 Contract Award

Successful tenderers notified in writing.

Unsuccessful tenderers notified in writing and feedback offered if required.

Ten (10) day mandatory standstill period shall be applied.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **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

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive procedure with negotiation

#### **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 000-031148](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

ORE/22/100

### **Lot No**

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

5 February 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

RENK Test Systems GmbH

Gogginger Strasse 73

86159 Augsburg

Country

Germany

NUTS code

- DE - Germany

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £1 / Highest offer: £63,037,705.59 taken into consideration



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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

Royal Courts of Justice

Strand

London

Country

United Kingdom

#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

In the first instance, all appeals should be promptly brought to the attention of the contact specified in Section I above, and will be dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. Any appeals must be brought within the timescales specified by the applicable law, including without limitation, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, the contracting authority will also incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the date information on award of contract is communicated to tenderers.

As the UK does not have any special review body with responsibility for appeal/mediation procedures in public procurement competitions, any challenges will be dealt with by the High Court, Commercial Division, to which proceedings may be issued regarding alleged breaches of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015.

