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PIN BATS Corrosion on Carbon Steel

Nuclear Waste Services Limited

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-waste-services/about>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-waste-services/about>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Disposal of radioactive waste

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

PIN BATS Corrosion on Carbon Steel

Reference number

C23091

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) would like to notify suppliers of future requirements and engage with the market to understand what it can provide with regards laboratory services for the investigation the impact(s) of the expected chemical environments of the MMG and Ancholme group geological settings on the corrosion behaviour of carbon steel HHGW container materials.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services
- 73110000 - Research services

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 73120000 - Experimental development services
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services
- 73210000 - Research consultancy services
- 73111000 - Research laboratory services
- 73200000 - Research and development consultancy services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The development of a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) is essential for the final disposal of higher activity radioactive wastes in the UK. It is a critical part of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's (NDA) overall mission to decommission and dispose of the UK's nuclear legacy waste. The mission of the GDF programme is to deliver a permanent solution for the disposal of higher activity radioactive waste through the design, construction, operation and closure of a GDF. Its objectives are:

- To build trust and work in partnership with one or more communities to gain consent and support to host a GDF.
- To facilitate economic benefits and growth, delivering regional jobs and skills and a positive legacy.
- To deliver a permanent solution for the safe disposal of higher activity waste through the safe, sustainable, and cost-effective design, construction, operation and closure of a GDF.
- To enable the timely retirement of the significant and currently enduring financial liability and risk associated with above ground storage of higher activity waste, that would persist indefinitely if a disposal solution was not developed.

A GDF will be a significant piece of UK infrastructure where the majority of the facility is built between 200 and 1000 metres underground, putting the waste in purpose-built containers which are then placed in tunnels and vaults beneath several hundred metres of solid rock. Further information about the GDF programme can be found here: GDF (Geological Disposal Facility) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

This Prior Information Notice relates to the future procurement of laboratory services for the investigation the impact(s) of the expected chemical environments of the MMG and Ancholme group geological settings on the corrosion behaviour of carbon steel HHGW container materials.

This PIN should be read in conjunction with the following documents, all of which can be viewed on Atamis: <https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

- Contract Technical Specification
- Request for Information
- Atamis Supplier User Guide
- Overview of the BATs Marketplace

You will be required to register on Atamis, and once registration is complete you can search for this PIN using the Atamis search box and using the title as a reference – PIN BATs - Investigation of Corrosion on carbon steel

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

18

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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

II.2.14) Additional information

This PIN is not a call for competition; it is to signal an intention to commence market engagement with interested organisations for the provision of laboratory services for the investigation the impact(s) of the expected chemical environments of the MMG and Ancholme group geological settings on the corrosion behaviour of carbon steel HHGW container materials for the GDF programme with industry experts and suppliers who are interested in potentially bidding for the resulting commercial agreement(s).

If you wish to participate in the market engagement please register your interest via the URL here on Atamis, no later than 12:00 BST, 5th March 2025

<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Please DO NOT register interest via any other route.

NWS are requesting written responses to a number of questions, which can be found within the Request for Information (RFI) documents on Atamis. Suppliers' responses to these questions should be sent to NWS via the messaging function on Atamis no later than 12:00 BST, 5th March 2025

73100000 Research and experimental development services

73110000 Research services

73120000 Experimental development services

73111000 Research laboratory services

73200000 Research and development consultancy services

73210000 Research consultancy services

73300000 Design and execution of research and development

71350000 Engineering-related scientific and technical services

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

You will be required to register on BATs (if you haven't already) which can be found on record C5590 on the Atamis system. This will be released under Category 3.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest

Date

5 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated value of this requirement, as stated in Section II.1.5 of this PIN, is £200,000 excluding VAT over a total maximum 18 months contract duration.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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