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## **AWE Industrial, Medical and Special Gases and Associated Equipment and Services**

AWE Plc

F02: Contract notice

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

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

AWE Plc

AWE Plc, Aldermaston,

Reading

RG7 4PR

#### **Contact**

AWE Procurement

#### **Email**

[aweprocurement@awe.co.uk](mailto:aweprocurement@awe.co.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.3) Communication**

Access to the procurement documents is restricted. Further information can be obtained at

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

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

AWE Plc

AWE Aldermaston

Reading

RG7 4PR

**Contact**

AWE Procurement

**Email**

[aweprocurement@awe.co.uk](mailto:aweprocurement@awe.co.uk)

**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ - South East (England)

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

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

Other type

Non-Departmental Public Body

#### **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

AWE Industrial, Medical and Special Gases and Associated Equipment and Services

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 24100000 - Gases

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

Supplies

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

AWE is looking to appoint a supplier to supply its requirements for industrial, medical and special gases and associated equipment and services.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £19,300,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 24110000 - Industrial gases
- 24111000 - Hydrogen, argon, rare gases, nitrogen and oxygen
- 24111100 - Argon
- 24111200 - Rare gases
- 24111300 - Helium
- 24111500 - Medical gases
- 24111600 - Hydrogen
- 24111700 - Nitrogen
- 24111800 - Liquid nitrogen
- 24111900 - Oxygen
- 24112100 - Carbon dioxide
- 24112200 - Nitrogen oxides
- 24113200 - Compressed air
- 24311900 - Chlorine
- 24321115 - Acetylene
- 31711400 - Valves and tubes
- 38420000 - Instruments for measuring flow, level and pressure of liquids and gases
- 38421110 - Flowmeters
- 38423000 - Pressure-measuring equipment
- 38423100 - Pressure gauges
- 38431100 - Gas-detection apparatus

- 42131140 - Pressure-reducing, control, check or safety valves
- 42131141 - Pressure-reducing valves
- 42131142 - Control valves
- 42131147 - Safety valves
- 42131170 - Gas-cylinder outlet valves
- 42131320 - Choke manifolds
- 42131390 - Assemblies of valves
- 44523200 - Mountings
- 44523300 - Fittings
- 44612000 - Liquefied-gas containers
- 44612100 - Gas cylinders
- 44612200 - Gas tanks
- 63121110 - Gas storage services
- 80550000 - Safety training services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ - South East (England)

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

AWE is looking to appoint a supplier to supply its requirements for industrial, medical and special gases and associated equipment and services post expiry of its existing contract which expires on 31st December 2024. A procurement is required to secure future supplies under a new contract. Whilst AWE is seeking a supply solution managed through a single supplier, the supplier can meet the requirements either directly through its own production facilities or by leveraging its supply chain by sub-contracting.

The supply of products and associated services will support the AWE sites at both Aldermaston and Burghfield. At present there are no plans to service other sites, however it should be noted that during the life of the contract term, the infrastructure and layout of the site may change which may in turn lead to required changes in respect of the in scope services.

In respect of the requirements, the following are deemed in scope.

1. Compressed Industrial Gases
2. Compressed Medical Gases
3. Compressed Research/Special Gases and Gas Mixtures
4. Bulk Gases in Liquid Form
5. Cryo Liquids in Small Vessels
6. Solid Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>, 'Dry Ice')
7. Gas Regulators and Handling Equipment
8. Assorted Fixtures and Fittings
9. Maintenance and Inspection Services
10. Rental of Gases Tanks
11. Delivery Services
12. Gas Safety Training Courses
13. Demand and Inventory Management

During the course of the Contract AWE may require additional gases to be provided in addition to those specified above.

To access the full suite of tender documents interested parties must:

- Email [aweprocurement@awe.co.uk](mailto:aweprocurement@awe.co.uk) confirming the following:

1. Company name
2. Named contact and email address for future tender communications

#### **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: £19,300,000

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

Start date

1 January 2025

End date

31 December 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

Whilst AWE is seeking a supply solution managed through a single supplier, the supplier can meet the requirements either directly through its own production facilities or by leveraging its supply chain by sub-contracting to relevant trusted sub-contractors. AWE has specific security requirements. These are specified in the procurement documents which can be accessed in accordance with I.3.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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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: [2023/S 000-020866](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

15 March 2024

Local time

12:00pm

#### **IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

15 April 2024

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

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 1 January 2025

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

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

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

High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/you-and-the-judiciary/going-to-court/high-court/>