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Tender

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

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

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

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 (CO₂, '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 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.

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

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

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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

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

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Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

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United Kingdom

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