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Planning

UKAEA - RAICo - Laser Ablation Technologies for Robotic Decommissioning Applications

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/72814>

I.3) Communication

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

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=60632&B=UKAEA

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

Fusion Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKAEA - RAICo - Laser Ablation Technologies for Robotic Decommissioning Applications

Reference number

T/PJP021/23

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38636110 - Industrial lasers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

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II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38636100 - Lasers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Collaboration (RAICo®) programme is a

collaboration between UKAEA, UKNDA, Sellafield and Manchester University and includes an initial 3-year programme of technology development. The programme is focused on delivering and proving underlying robotics and artificial intelligence technologies that are required for effective decommissioning, as well as providing deployment opportunities to have maximum operational impact.

Using robotics and AI in hazardous nuclear decommissioning environments will provide the step-change in capabilities needed to move towards a cheaper, faster, and less hazardous set of next generation decommissioning activities.

The programme is managed by UKAEA's Remote Applications in Challenging Environments ("RACE") facility.

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

26 June 2023

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