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Opportunity

The procurement of a single supplier framework for the provision of scientific, manufacturing and research equipment, and consumables

AWE PLC

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

AWE PLC

AWE ALDERMASTON

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RG74PR

Contact

AWE Procurement

Email(s)

aweprocurement@awe.co.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Further information

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.3) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

The procurement of a single supplier framework for the provision of scientific, manufacturing and research equipment, and consumables

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

II.1.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

II.1.4) Information on framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement

Estimated value excluding VAT:

£300,000,000

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

AWE is looking to appoint a single supplier under a framework to provide the broad range of scientific goods outlined in this contract notice, as required by AWE.

The contract duration will be for 4 (four) years, with 3 (three) additional 1x (single year) extension terms. The maximum contract value is £300,000,000.

The role of the supplier will be to supply AWE with scientific, manufacturing, and research equipment, spares, and consumable goods.

Such goods include, but are not limited to: lasers, electronic components, laboratory consumables, chemicals, lenses, optics, high vacuum equipment, x-ray generating equipment, radioactive sources, analytical standards, packaging, and photographic & AV equipment.

The supplier will be required to provide services of operating a web-based digital solution to facilitate a simple and effective ordering process for repeat spend goods in an 'eCatalogue' type solution, and a digital solution to facilitate the ordering of non-repeat, 'one-off', or non-catalogue goods for AWE and a help desk function to support the digital solutions and their efficient running for all users.

The types of goods expected to be purchased on a non-repeat basis are expected to range from Common- or Modified-Off-The-Shelf laboratory equipment such as electron scanning

microscopes, nuclear magnetic resonance instruments, or vacuum furnaces, and one-off purchases of chemicals, laboratory consumables, electronic components as required by AWE.

All equipment, spares and consumables procured under this contract are essential to the Safe and Effective operation of AWE's world class laboratories and production facilities.

The supplier is expected to be able to establish and manage a dynamic and agile supply chain. The supplier is also expected to have the ability to augment and / or adapt their existing operations and supply chains to meet AWE's requirements today and in the future.

If you are interested in participating in this tender, you must express your interest by submitting the following details via email to AWEprocurement@AWE.co.uk, including "1276 - Lab Equipment Procurement" in the subject of your email:

- Company Name
- Contact Name
- Contact Email

AWE is required to conduct an initial Security Screening prior to releasing the PQQ. For this purpose, and recognising that the Security Screening may take a number of days, AWE has built in a 40 day period for registering interest/responding to the PQQ. AWE will make the PQQ available 1 week after the date of this notice, subject to the supplier having passed the initial Security Screening. Therefore, we urge interested suppliers to register their interest at the earliest possible opportunity noting the stated PQQ deadline. Upon receipt of these details an initial Security Screening will be undertaken, following which the PQQ will be issued one week from the publication of this contract notice on AWE's procurement platform Oracle Fusion

The last date for the return of a completed PQQ and as such form requests to be selected to tender shall be 08/April/2024 - 11:00hr (DD/MMMM/YYYY - 24:00hr GMT) (40 days from the date of publication of this contract notice).

The procurement event will be run under DPSCR 2011; however, the nature of this Contract Notice is such that AWE intends to operate restrictions within the relevant procurement regulations in order to protect essential national security interests. If an economic operator has connections with any hostile entity or foreign states which are deemed by AWE to pose a risk to the UK's national security interests or is otherwise considered not to possess the reliability necessary to exclude risks to the security of the United Kingdom, AWE reserves its right to exclude them from this exercise.

The procurement process will operate in successive stages.

AWE will invite the top ten scoring bidders in the PQQ to participate in the first stage of the ITN process.

AWE will invite the top four scoring bidders from the first stage of the ITN process to negotiate with, and subsequently participate in, the second and final stage of the ITN process.

The nature of this contract is such that the award will be subject to supplier's passing AWE's security requirements as dictated by its site licenses.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

Additional CPV code(s)

- 09343000 - Radioactive materials
- 09344000 - Radio-isotopes
- 14430000 - Evaporated salt and pure sodium chloride
- 24210000 - Oxides, peroxides and hydroxides
- 24220000 - Tanning extracts, dyeing extracts, tannins and colouring matter
- 24310000 - Basic inorganic chemicals
- 24320000 - Basic organic chemicals
- 24410000 - Nitrogenous fertilisers
- 24420000 - Phosphatic fertilisers
- 24500000 - Plastics in primary forms
- 24900000 - Fine and various chemical products
- 31220000 - Electrical circuit components
- 31710000 - Electronic equipment
- 38120000 - Meteorological instruments
- 38230000 - Electromagnetic geophysical instruments
- 38240000 - Gravity geophysical instruments
- 38250000 - Induced polarization IP geophysical instruments
- 38260000 - Magnetometer geophysical instruments
- 38270000 - Resistivity geophysical instruments
- 38280000 - Gravimeters
- 38290000 - Surveying, hydrographic, oceanographic and hydrological instruments and appliances
- 38300000 - Measuring instruments
- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics
- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 38600000 - Optical instruments
- 38800000 - Industrial process control equipment and remote-control equipment

- 38930000 - Humidity and moisture measuring instruments
- 38940000 - Nuclear evaluation instruments
- 38950000 - Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) equipment
- 38960000 - Alcohol ignition lock
- 38970000 - Research, testing and scientific technical simulator
- 42120000 - Pumps and compressors
- 42130000 - Taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances
- 42310000 - Furnace burners
- 42330000 - Smelting furnaces
- 42340000 - Non-domestic ovens
- 42610000 - Machine tools operated by laser and machining centres
- 42620000 - Lathes, boring and milling machine tools
- 42630000 - Metal-working machine tools
- 42640000 - Machine tools for working hard materials except metals
- 42660000 - Soldering, brazing and welding tools, surface tempering and hot-spraying machines and equipment
- 42910000 - Distilling, filtering or rectifying apparatus
- 42920000 - Machinery for cleaning bottles, packing and weighing and spraying machinery
- 42930000 - Centrifuges, calendering or vending machines
- 42940000 - Machinery for the heat treatment of materials
- 42990000 - Miscellaneous special-purpose machinery
- 43720000 - Casting machines

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.9) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Negotiated

IV.2) Award criteria

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the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

8 April 2024 - 11:00am

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

AWE are looking to award 100% of the work to a single supplier.

This Award will be based on the Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT).

AWE will apply a Quality Weighting of 60%; a Social Value Weighting of 10%; and a Price Weighting of 30%. Further details will be made available to suppliers who are invited to tender.

We have previously launched a PIN for this requirement, see link <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/007711-2023?origin=SearchResults&p=2>