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## **Welsh Tidal Lagoon Challenge**

Welsh Government

F01: Prior information notice

Call for competition

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

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

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Buyer's address

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search\\_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA0007)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales>

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

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

**I.5) Main activity**

General public services

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Welsh Tidal Lagoon Challenge

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

- 45251120 - Hydro-electric plant construction work

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

Works

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

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to conduct a soft market testing exercise to inform the nature and quantum of any support the Welsh Government could provide for the construction of a tidal range electricity generation project on the Welsh coastline.

At this stage Welsh Government is undertaking market engagement to ascertain if there is interest in any potential competition/procurement in the future to deliver a tidal lagoon capable of generating electricity with the winner(s) possibly receiving financial support from the Welsh Government.

To inform its approach to the competition, the Welsh Government wishes to engage with organisations interested in the delivery of tidal range energy projects on the Welsh coastline, prior to the Welsh Government formulating a preferred approach to the competition and support package.

The purpose of the market engagement is to understand the most appropriate approach to undertaking the competition, and the package of support to be offered by Welsh Government. Responding to this PIN does not place any compulsion on applicants to enter the competition or for the Welsh Government to proceed any further with any requirements.

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 09300000 - Electricity, heating, solar and nuclear energy
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45222000 - Construction work for engineering works except bridges, tunnels, shafts and subways
- 45240000 - Construction work for water projects
- 45244000 - Marine construction works
- 45244100 - Marine installations
- 45248000 - Construction work for hydro-mechanical structures
- 65400000 - Other sources of energy supplies and distribution
- 71314000 - Energy and related services

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

NUTS codes

- UKL - Wales

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

The Welsh Government is considering how best it can support the market to develop a tidal range energy project on the Welsh coastline. The current preferred approach is to undertake a competition to identify suitable options.

To inform its approach to the competition, the Welsh Government wishes to engage with organisations interested in the delivery of tidal range energy projects on the Welsh coastline, to gather information prior to the Welsh Government formulating a preferred approach to the competition and support package.

Interested organisations (including potential developers, financiers and those with experience in the tidal range sector) should register their interest via the Sell2Wales Noted Interest function. Interested parties can view a copy of our market engagement documentation via the attachments section within this PIN.

The market engagement documentation comprises an Introduction to the Welsh Government's proposed competition objectives and a questionnaire which interested organisations should return via the Sell2Wales Post-box function, including details of any specific proposals, and any views or suggestions they may have on the sector as a whole.

Following receipt of completed questionnaires, the Welsh Government may also undertake supplier sessions and meet with suppliers to discuss their market engagement feedback.

Please be aware that at this stage we will not be formally assessing proposals, and nothing given or provided at this stage will be evaluated as part of any future procurement process. We welcome responses from suppliers and organisations who feel that they have positive ideas on how our vision of supporting the development of tidal range power projects in Wales can be delivered.

While the contracting authority has decided to advertise on a voluntary basis, this does not represent a commitment to follow a particular procurement procedure. Interested parties shall obtain for themselves, at their own expense, all information necessary for the preparation of their responses to this PIN.

#### **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 description is the same as within Document ID: 109323 and effectively replaces the previous one.

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

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

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

There is not specific selection criteria at this stage, this is a call for interest. Interested organisations should register their interest via the Sell2Wales Noted Interest function and complete the attached soft market engagement documentation and return via the Sell2Wales Post-Box function.

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

List and brief description of selection criteria

There is not specific selection criteria at this stage, this is a call for interest. Interested organisations should register their interest via the Sell2Wales Noted Interest function and complete the attached soft market engagement documentation and return via the Sell2Wales Post-Box function.

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of expressions of interest**

Date

6 May 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

English

#### **IV.2.5) Scheduled date for start of award procedures**

6 May 2021

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Please note, this notice is a call for interest, there is not a start date for award procedure or an anticipated award date - at this stage there will be no formal assessing proposals, and nothing given or provided at this stage will be evaluated as part of any future procurement process.

While the contracting authority has decided to advertise on a voluntary basis, this does not represent a commitment to follow a particular procurement procedure.

NB: Owing to a technical issue with the post-box function, this notice is a reincarnation of the original notice (Document ID: 109323) and therefore supersedes that previous notice.

NOTE: To register your interest in this notice and obtain any additional information please visit the Sell2Wales Web Site at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search\\_Switch.aspx?ID=109477](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Search/Search_Switch.aspx?ID=109477).

The buyer has indicated that it will accept electronic responses to this notice via the Postbox facility. A user guide is available at

[https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help\\_guides.aspx](https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/sitehelp/help_guides.aspx).

Suppliers are advised to allow adequate time for uploading documents and to dispatch the electronic response well in advance of the closing time to avoid any last minute problems.

The Contractor shall ensure that all contracts with Subcontractors and Suppliers which the Contractor intends to procure following the Award date, and which the Contractor has not, before the date of this Contract, already planned to award to a particular Subcontractor or Supplier, are advertised through the Sell2Wales portal ([www.sell2wales.gov.wales](http://www.sell2wales.gov.wales)) and awarded following a fair, open, transparent and competitive process proportionate to the nature and value of the contract.

Under the terms of this contract the successful supplier(s) will be required to deliver Community Benefits in support of the authority's economic and social objectives. Accordingly, contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations. The Community Benefits included in this contract are:

TBC

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The buyer considers that this contract is suitable for consortia.



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

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

High Court

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London

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