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Planning

Low Active and Very Low Active Analytical Services Provision PIN No 2

Sellafield Limited

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/sellafield-ltd>

I.3) Communication

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

Nuclear Decommissioning

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71620000 - Analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Sellafield Ltd are seeking suitably experienced and qualified service provider(s) to deliver LA (Low Active) and VLA (Very Low Active) Analytical Services in support of Sellafield Operations.

Further to the previous Prior Information Notice published in November 2021 for LA/VLA Analytical Services (<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/029715-2021?origin=SearchResults&p=1>), the initial Market Engagement Event held during December 2021, CTM and Atamis notification in December 2022 and the 2nd Market Engagement Event in January 2023, this PIN provides updated information regarding timings for the Analytical Services Procurement along with updated instructions for registering your interest on the Atamis portal.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71900000 - Laboratory services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Sellafield Site

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Analytical Services provides an essential service in support of Sellafield Operations which in accordance with its Site Licence Conditions requires Sellafield to report to the regulatory bodies eg Environmental Agency (EA) and demonstrate the use of Best Available Technology (BAT) and As Low as Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) for the management of effluent and other waste activities which are key to delivery of the Sellafield Ltd mission. The site is envisaged to have a demand for analytical services until 2110.

Sellafield Ltd has therefore a requirement for suitably experienced and qualified service providers(s) to undertake LA (Low Active) and VLA (Very Low Active) Analytical services in support of Sellafield site Operations. The service is to consist of sample receipt or collection, storage, analyses and waste disposal.

The estimated value range of the contract scope of work is £86.5m-£100m. The duration is to be confirmed but is assumed to be 10 years with reviews at years 6 and 8.

The current supply chain contractual arrangements include:

- Environmental, Low Active Radiological, Dosimetry and Chemical analyses (Part A).
- Radiological and Chemical analyses supporting the Facilities Characterisation work stream (Part B).

Current arrangements are due to expire and Sellafield Ltd will be undertaking a procurement exercise for the continued provision of the Part A Services. In addition, Low Active analyses, currently undertaken by Sellafield Ltd within the site laboratory, will be included in the scope of the procurement. The transition of this scope to the supply chain is currently envisaged to take place during the early period of the contract.

Part B scope for Waste Characterisation Services will be subject to a separate tender at a later date to be confirmed and is therefore not included within the scope of this procurement.

The current timetable for LA and VLA envisages:

- Competition commencement through issue of the Contract Notice in June 2023
- Contract Award in March 2025
- Mobilisation commences March 2025
- Transition of LA scope will be completed during the early period of the contract.

The procurement will be open to all providers who can demonstrate they have the capacity either as a single organisation or in conjunction with a wider supply chain with significant levels of the required accreditation and experience in order to deliver the scope of work required.

The procurement will be subject to the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015 and is currently planned to be conducted using the Open Procedure, pursuant to regulation 27 of the PCR's 2015.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

16 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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Organisations wishing to register their interest are encouraged to register with Sellafield Ltd via the Atamis portal, against Ref ID Number C10718. From here suppliers will be able to review documentation including the draft specification, the January 2023 market engagement event slides and also the questions and answers from the January 2023 market engagement event. Suppliers can also reach out to Sellafield through this portal for any additional queries they may have in relation to this procurement.

To register for access to Atamis click or copy the link below:

<https://one-nda.force.com/s/Welcome>

If you have previously registered and continue to have access to Atamis Ref ID Number C10718 then there is no requirement to re-register.