

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/011953-2023>

Planning

## **Nuclear Diving Capability Technical Dialogue**

Sellafield Limited

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-011953

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03c443

Published 26 April 2023, 11:52am

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

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

Sellafield Limited

Calder Bridge

Seascale

CA201PG

#### **Contact**

Allison J Booth

#### **Email**

[allison.j.booth@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:allison.j.booth@sellafieldsites.com)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**National registration number**

1002607

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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**

Environment

---

## **Section II: Object**

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

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

Nuclear Diving Capability Technical Dialogue

Reference number

C8469

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

- 98363000 - Diving services

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

Services

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

This Technical Dialogue follows the initial pre-market engagement. Please refer to the The Briefing Paper and Lines of Enquiry which is attached.

The following gives an indications to potential scope:-

Sellafield Limited is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process for nuclear diving services within the Pile Fuel Storage Pond (PFSP) at Sellafield site. The Pile Fuel Storage Pond (PFSP) is a legacy facility constructed in the late 1940s to provide underwater storage, cooling and decanning of irradiated nuclear fuel and isotopes. The facility consists of the main pond structure and an additional 12 bays. On the successful completion of the current Nuclear Diving Pilot to clear 2 of the bays, it has been identified that a new future diving capability is required to support clearance of the remaining bays and main pond structure .

The pre-market engagement with interested suppliers is to investigate the capability and capacity of the supply chain. This information and knowledge will inform the final acquisition strategy for the procurement. This will ensure that the requirements are effectively met and delivered in a strategy that meets market capabilities and requirements. It also provides procurement awareness for suppliers regarding this requirement. Any information gathered through this market consultation exercise may inform internal business planning and any possible

subsequent procurement process and WILL NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise. Should you wish to participate in this exercise please register your interest by contacting Allison J Booth using the contact details listed in this notice.

The nuclear diving services will include but may not be limited to the following:-

Potential Future Nuclear Diving Activities

Site Wide Nuclear Services

Pond Clearance Activities

Sludge Removal

Debris Collection

Encast Steelwork Removal

Inspections

Maintenance/Repair of underwater equipment

Application of Coatings/Sealants

Note- Non-Nuclear diving services currently provided by the Sellafield Inhouse Dive Team is NOT included within this scope.

Note - No Commitment of work volume guaranteed.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £15,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 98391000 - Decommissioning services

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

NUTS codes

- UKD11 - West Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

UK - United Kingdom

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

This Technical Dialogue follows the initial pre-market engagement. Please refer to the The Briefing Paper and Lines of Enquiry which is attached.

The following gives an indications to potential scope:-

Sellafield Limited is currently preparing to initiate a procurement process for nuclear diving services within the Pile Fuel Storage Pond (PFSP) at Sellafield site. The Pile Fuel Storage Pond (PFSP) is a legacy facility constructed in the late 1940s to provide underwater storage, cooling and decanning of irradiated nuclear fuel and isotopes. The facility consists of the main pond structure and an additional 12 bays. On the successful completion of the current Nuclear Diving Pilot to clear 2 of the bays, it has been identified that a new future diving capability is required to support clearance of the remaining bays and main pond structure .

The pre-market engagement with interested suppliers is to investigate the capability and capacity of the supply chain. This information and knowledge will inform the final acquisition strategy for the procurement. This will ensure that the requirements are effectively met and delivered in a strategy that meets market capabilities and requirements. It also provides procurement awareness for suppliers regarding this requirement. Any information gathered through this market consultation exercise may inform internal business planning and any possible subsequent procurement process and WILL NOT be appraised in any future tender evaluation exercise. Should you wish to participate in this exercise please register your interest by contacting Allison J Booth using the contact details listed in this notice.

The nuclear diving services will include but may not be limited to the following:-

Potential Future Nuclear Diving Activities

Site Wide Nuclear Services

Pond Clearance Activities

Sludge Removal

Debris Collection

Encast Steelwork Removal

Inspections

Maintenance/Repair of underwater equipment

Application of Coatings/Sealants

Note- Non-Nuclear diving services currently provided by the Sellafield Inhouse Dive Team is NOT included within this scope.

Note - No Commitment of work volume guaranteed.

### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

25 April 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