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Provision of subject matter expert support services in respect to Generic Design Assessment (GDA) of nuclear power stations for the AMR RD&D Phase B project.

NATIONAL NUCLEAR LABORATORY LIMITED

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

NATIONAL NUCLEAR LABORATORY LIMITED

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Risley

WA3 6AE

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKD61 - Warrington

Companies House

03857752

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.nnl.co.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Nuclear

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of subject matter expert support services in respect to Generic Design Assessment (GDA) of nuclear power stations for the AMR RD&D Phase B project.

Reference number

PSS/2024/023

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79415200 - Design consultancy services
 - RC08 - In nuclear technology

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This is not an opportunity but a VEAT Notice to inform the market that NNL intends to award a contract for a Warm Pellet Press.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £1,290,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71320000 - Engineering design services
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD45 - Mid Lancashire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

National Nuclear Laboratory ("NNL") intends to award a contract for the provision of subject matter expert support services in respect to Generic Design Assessment (GDA) of nuclear power stations for the AMR RD&D Phase B project.

This contract is a call-off arrangement to support across a wide number of topics and technical areas specific to nuclear and high temperatures. The support will be engineering-focused, providing the following project roles: Licensee & Permit Holder, Operator, End User / Customer, Design Authority, Independent Nuclear Assurance, Central Technical Organisation and Central Support Function,

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

National Nuclear Laboratory ("NNL") intends to award a contract to EDF to provide subject matter expert support services in respect to Generic Design Assessment (GDA) of nuclear power stations for the AMR RD&D Phase B project.

EDF can provide support across a wide number of topics and technical areas specific to nuclear and high temperatures. EDF support will be engineering-focused.

EDF is able to provide the following project roles: Licensee & Permit Holder, Operator, End User / Customer (via various EDF subsidiaries e.g. Hynamics), Design Authority, Independent Nuclear Assurance, Central Technical Organisation and Central Support Function. As the only nuclear operator in the UK at time of writing, EDF is able to offer a unique and exclusive combination of skills built on real world experience to support NNL with the GDA maturity steps.

The technologies being considered under this project will require the industry to innovate in order to utilise new techniques and approaches to construction and fabrication. EDF can provide a holistic view to delivering such projects given their wide experience not only in nuclear but also in non-nuclear power generation and related technologies.

The following areas have been highlighted as providing added value to any nuclear new build project. These specialisms are limited in the supply chain and in some cases are unique to EDF.

- Structural Integrity
- Graphite
- Fuel Route

- Environment Protection
- Radiological Protection
- Control and Instrumentation
- Fuel, Core and Fault Studies
- Human Factors
- Design Authority

These niche subjects cover the areas that will have some of the greatest technical challenges. EDF's previous experience of these topics and safety case management knowledge in these areas allows the project to mitigate these risks appropriately upfront via the safety case rather than by design changes.

Proven technical expertise and experience as a nuclear operator within the UK regulatory framework is an essential requirement for the fulfilment for these services. The "operator's voice" will help guide the design to maximise the safety and commercial performance.

EDF's status as the only nuclear operator in the UK means are uniquely positioned to support design development in all areas outlined in this notice, by applying their direct and first-hand experience to provide the most robust and trusted industry advice in respect to GDA.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 April 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited

Gloucester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKK1 - Gloucestershire, Wiltshire and Bristol/Bath area

Companies House

03076445

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,290,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

The Royal Courts of Justice

Th Strand

London

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Country

United Kingdom