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Award

ITER Generic Upper Port Plug Tower System

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-atomic-energy-authority>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Fusion Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

ITER Generic Upper Port Plug Tower System

Reference number

13029

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 42000000 - Industrial machinery

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Generic Upper Port Plug Tower System - Addition of Trail to original contract

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: 189,300 EUR

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 42410000 - Lifting and handling equipment
- 42419000 - Parts of lifting and handling equipment
- 42900000 - Miscellaneous general and special-purpose machinery

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- ES120 - Asturias

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The UK Atomic Energy Authority will work with the Supplier in assembling and trailing the ITER Generic Upper Port Plug Tower System and Modules which have already been manufactured under the original advertised contract. The trials here are additional work and are due to take place at the suppliers premises due to space limitations at the Authority's site.

The project looks to mock up an important RH process for ITER based on the Generic Upper Port Plug maintenance and will seek to further expand the operational suitability of the hardware. This will be attained by assessing the possibility of using a minimum amount of metrology, or alternative measurement activity, to achieve an insertion of the DSM and DFWs within the port plug mock up. The trials are based on the expected information available in the hot cell which rely on a limited amount of physical data.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: STechnical Abilityuppliers Technical Capability / Weighting: 75

Cost criterion - Name: Total Price / Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Supplier was awarded a contract in 2022 for the Manufacture, Assembly, Testing and Supply of ITER Generic Upper Port Plug Tower System. This requirement adds work for the goods, still within the Suppliers factory, to be trailed by the Authority's staff. A change of supplier would cause additional costs in shipping the goods elsewhere, cause delays to the project and would be impracticable.

Due to the experience and complexity of the requirements it would be difficult to uncouple this work and tender competitively.

The addition of this work to the contract has been authorised by UKAEA's Head of Procurement.

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

13029

Title

Tower System - Addition of Trail

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

24 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

Asturfeito SA

Calle Metalurgicos 14B

Aviles

33417

Country

Spain

NUTS code

- ES120 - Asturias

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 189,300 EUR

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Date of award is date of start of standstill. Contract amendment will be issued on completion of standstill period.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

UK Atomic Energy Authority

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United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-atomic-energy-authority>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

The authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers.

This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the authority before a contract is entered into applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request. Additional debriefing and that information have to be provided within a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be sought from the contact named in this notice.

If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland). Any such action must be brought promptly (generally within 3 months).

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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