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Tender

UKRI-2171 Vista to EPICS project

UK Research and Innovation

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Database-services./ZTD8FJ7428>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research and innovation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-2171 Vista to EPICS project

Reference number

UKRI-2171

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 72320000 - Database services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

the provision of technical and engineering services to support the design, implementation and validation of some work packages of the Vista to EPICS project in ISIS Neutron and Muon Source. The support services will be ordered under a framework service contract by means of task orders. Most of the job can be performed at the Contractor premises but some tasks might require for presence at ISIS premises.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £720,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Initial tasks

Move OpenVMS applications to Linux/EPICS. Related to WP-7

The Open VMS servers that host the V-system run many different control applications written in VSI Basic and C. These applications shall be converted into Python and moved to the new Linux servers hosting EPICS.

The first step would be to document each of these software applications. The document shall include a high-level functional description of each application.

Some of these applications are or will be obsolete. The in-house team will use the delivered functional descriptions to identify which of these applications are obsolete and therefore do not need to be moved into the new Linux servers or EPICS.

After this step is done the contractor team will proceed to translate and move the remaining applications from the OpenVMS/Vsystem servers to the Linux/EPICS architecture.

Many of these applications are called from a control screen. A validation process needs to be done to make sure that all the elements in the control chain (screen, application, middleware) are properly linked and operate as expected.

Vsystem specific code includes:

- Readers – input data from controlled hardware, e.g. FINS, Modbus, CPS (internally-developed XML format), etc. Approximately 10 readers, all written in ANSI C.
- Handlers – output data from controlled hardware (same as above). Approximately 10 handlers, all written in ANSI C.
- Applications – either triggered by user action or scheduled. There are a minimum of 346 applications (~125k Lines of Code (LOC)) written in VSI Basic applications, and a further 28 written in C ~2.6k LOC).
- Scripts – a mixture of simple wrappers around other applications, system functionality, and more advanced scripting. There are a minimum of 493 scripts written in DCL (Digital Command Language; the default command line interpreter for OpenVMS systems) (~20k LOC) and a further 26 written in Python (~2k LOC).

- Converters – strictly change engineering units to display units or vice versa, but often used for more complicated purposes internal to Vsystem triggered uses. 25 files (~4.5k LOC) written in Ansi C.
- Vsystem shareable images – overlap with applications above, primarily VSI Basic. These are user generated libraries called by Vsystem, and unlike applications are not runnable separately in a shell.

Validation platform. Related to WP-2, WP-6 and WP-7

Design and build a platform to test and validate the V-system screens that are converted into EPICS, the software applications that are moved from the OpenVMS server into the Linux server and the new middleware interfaces.

This platform will have to check that the EPICS screens are properly linked with the applications in the Linux server and the middleware that conform the rest of the control system. A list of the different types of middleware that we use at ISIS will be given in the TO.

It will also be used to test and validate any new or modified screens, applications and interfaces before these are implemented in the control system.

Apart from the platform itself, a method for the testing and validation of these components as well as a template document for documenting these tests should be given.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £720,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

15 August 2022

End date

14 August 2023

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

3+1 3 + 1 year periods from commencement of the Contract. running up to August 2026

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

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 tenders or requests to participate

Date

6 July 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

6 July 2022

Local time

2:00pm

Place

Electronically, via web based portal

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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