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Design & Assurance Partner for Fissile Projects

AWE PLC

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

AWE PLC

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Contact

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Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

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

Electronic access to information

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/>

Electronic submission of tenders and requests to participate

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/>

Further information

AWE PLC

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Contact

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Country

United Kingdom

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Management & Operations

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

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II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Services

Service category No 17: Architectural services; engineering services and integrated engineering services; urban planning and landscape engineering services; related scientific and technical consulting services; technical testing and analysis services

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

AWE Aldermaston

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

To deliver our critical mission in supporting the UK's defence and security, AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment) is embarking on multi-billion investment programme to construct an on-site facility that meets the needs of the programme.

As part of the investment programme, AWE is seeking a Design and Assurance Partner to lead on delivery of complex, nuclear, engineering solutions to meet the strategic outcomes of the Fissile Infrastructure Project programme. The Partner will be a member of the PTC Manufacturing Partnership that is being put in place to help deliver the programme.

The services required from the Design & Assurance Partner will include requirements and integration management, design delivery, safety case, assurance delivery, implementation support, CDM management and configuration management. The Partner will have responsibility for the overall design and assurance authority and management within the Partnership. This will involve working closely with other partners to ensure those Partner's work is integrated within the overall design and safety case to deliver the ALARP solution.

The Design & Assurance Partner will need to demonstrate experience and capability of designing and assuring engineering solutions and safety assessments for high hazard, nuclear facilities including incorporation of technically complex production processes into either a new build facility or the refitting of an existing facility. The programme has significant technical and logistical challenges that create a significant level of complexity in delivery.

The contract term is anticipated to be 10.5 years covering the life of the project with an estimated value of up to £200M.

To register interest suppliers should email justin.hearn@awe.co.uk who will provide access to the Selection Questionnaire via Compete4/Delta-Sourcing.

Please note:

AWE Ltd is the management and operating organisation which provides the UK's nuclear deterrent capability. At the time of this notice being published, AWE does not have a legal obligation to undertake a regulated procurement process as it is not a contracting authority for the purpose of the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations (DSPCR 2011) and Public Contracts Regulations (PCR 2015). Be that as it may, and without prejudice to the question of whether an exemption might have in any event been available under procurement legislation, AWE intends to carry out a fair and transparent contract award process and to that end, will align voluntarily aspects of this process to the DSPCR 2011 where possible and appropriate in its view. For the purposes of advertising this opportunity voluntarily and establishing the long list of suppliers for the qualification process, AWE has utilised the Find A Tender portal to maximise the visibility of this opportunity to eligible suppliers. The configuration of this portal requires AWE to specify the regulated procedure on the basis of which the contract award will be determined. Accordingly, AWE has specified that it will use the negotiated procedure under the DSPCR 2011. For the avoidance of doubt, the reference to the negotiated procedure in the notice does not prejudice AWE's ability to depart from any DSPCR 2011 requirements that relate to this procedure or more generally where it considers it appropriate to do so. For the avoidance of doubt, AWE does not consider itself to be regulated by the provisions of the DSPCR 2011 for this contract award process and therefore the selection of this procedure or any other references to contracting authority or DSPCR 2011 in this notice is not intended to create any rights or obligations under procurement legislation.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 71000000 - Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

2 August 2021 - 2:00pm

IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English