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Contract

IP Patent Attorney Services and IP Landscaping Services

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

National registration number

N/A

Internet address(es)

Main address

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

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/72814>

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

IP Patent Attorney Services and IP Landscaping Services

Reference number

T/EA198/24

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79120000 - Patent and copyright consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

UKAEA seeks to appoint suppliers across Intellectual Property (IP) Patent Attorney Services and Patent Search & Landscaping Services. The contracting authority seeks to engage qualified and experienced supplier(s) to support its operational, strategic, and compliance objectives across these two critical service areas.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

IP Patent Attorney Services

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79100000 - Legal services
- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79140000 - Legal advisory and information services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UKAEA seeks to appoint a panel ("the Panel") of two IP patent attorney firms to provide high quality, professional and expert services relating to UKAEA's intellectual property portfolio.

Our IP portfolio covers a very wide range of areas including, but not limited to: novel materials, software, robotics, manufacturing, management of hydrogen isotopes, magnets, plasma, sensors and diagnostics, waste management and decommissioning, thermal management, and power generation technologies.

The Consultant(s) are to provide cost effective, general intellectual property advice and to undertake the preparation, registration and prosecution of applications for patents, and other forms of registered intellectual property across all of the technical areas of UKAEA.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Patent and trade mark filing and prosecution experience / Weighting: 35%

Quality criterion - Name: Support to UKAEA IPMO team / Weighting: 25%

Quality criterion - Name: Task & Team Management / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Business Resilience / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Cost criterion - Name: Rate card / Weighting: 20%

Cost criterion - Name: Fixed price / Weighting: 80%

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

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Patent Search & Landscaping Services

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 79110000 - Legal advisory and representation services
- 79111000 - Legal advisory services
- 79112000 - Legal representation services
- 79120000 - Patent and copyright consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UKAEA seeks to appoint a single provider of patent search and landscaping services.

Our IP portfolio covers a very wide range of areas including, but not limited to: novel materials, software, robotics, manufacturing, management of hydrogen isotopes, magnets, plasma, sensors and diagnostics, waste management and decommissioning, thermal management, and power generation technologies.

The Consultant is to provide a range of cost-effective, high-quality search and landscaping services.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Patent and Trade Mark Filing and Prosecution Experience / Weighting: 40%

Quality criterion - Name: Task & Team Management / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Evidence of reporting / Weighting: 20%

Quality criterion - Name: Business Resilience / Weighting: 10%

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10%

Cost criterion - Name: Rate card / Weighting: 20%

Cost criterion - Name: Fixed price / Weighting: 80%

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Following the completion of our evaluations, we have determined that we will not be proceeding with an award at this time. After reviewing the outcomes, we have identified the need to refine our approach to ensure the procurement aligns fully with the strategic objectives and our business needs.

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

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

Notice number: [2024/S 000-039121](#)

IV.2.9) Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice

The contracting authority will not award any further contracts based on the above prior information notice

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Lot No

1

Title

IP Patent Attorney Services and IP Landscaping Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Dehns

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

National registration number

238 861 532

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Lot No

1

Title

IP Patent Attorney Services and IP Landscaping Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

15 April 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 14

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Appleyard Lees IP LLP

Halifax

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

National registration number

184 6684 20

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £1,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

Following the completion of our evaluations, we have determined that we will not be proceeding with an award at this time under Lot 2 - IP Landscaping Services. After reviewing the outcomes, we have identified the need to refine our approach to ensure the procurement aligns fully with the strategic objectives and our business needs.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

UK Atomic Energy Authority

Culham Science Centre

Abingdon

OX14 3DB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

UK Atomic Energy Authority

Culham Science Centre

Abingdon

OX14 3DB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

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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