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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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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04c24c

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

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Abingdon

OX14 3DB

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#### **Country**

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

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## **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.

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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**

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>