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Planning

Architect Engineer and Owners Engineer for the GDF Programme

Nuclear Waste Services Limited

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-waste-services/about>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-waste-services/about>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Disposal of radioactive waste

Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

Architect Engineer and Owners Engineer for the GDF Programme

Reference number

C18124

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71320000 - Engineering design services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) would like to notify suppliers of two future requirements, and engage with the market to understand what it can provide in terms of capacity and capability to deliver the provision of an Architect Engineer (AE) and Owners Engineer (OE) in the development of the Geological Disposal Facility (GDF). It should be noted that the OE requirement might be an NWS scope, wider than just for the GDF programme.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £1,321,922,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71240000 - Architectural, engineering and planning services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The development of a Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) is essential for the final disposal of radioactive waste in the UK. It is a critical part of the Nuclear Decommissioning

Authority's (NDA) overall mission to decommission and dispose of the UK's nuclear legacy waste.

The mission of the GDF programme is to deliver a permanent solution for the disposal of higher activity radioactive waste through the design, construction, operation and closure of a GDF. Its objectives are:

- To build trust and work in partnership with one or more communities to gain consent and support to host a GDF.
- To facilitate economic benefits and growth, delivering regional jobs and skills and a positive legacy.
- To deliver a permanent solution for the safe disposal of higher activity waste through the safe, sustainable, and cost-effective design, construction, operation and closure of a GDF.
- To enable the timely retirement of the significant and currently enduring financial liability and risk associated with above ground storage of higher activity waste, that would persist for thousands of years if a disposal solution was not developed.

A GDF will be a significant piece of UK infrastructure where the majority of the facility is built between 200 and 1000 metres underground, with a surface area of approximately 1 square kilometre. Geological disposal involves putting the waste in purpose-built containers which are then placed in tunnels and vaults beneath several hundred metres of solid rock.

Further information about the GDF programme can be found here: GDF (Geological Disposal Facility) - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) relates to future market engagement that Nuclear Waste Services (NWS) intend to conduct concerning the appointment on an Architect Engineer and Owners Engineer for the GDF programme. It should be noted that the OE requirement might be an NWS scope, wider than just for the GDF programme.

This PIN should be read in conjunction with the following documents, all of which can be viewed on Atamis: <https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Architect Engineer – Request for Information

Architect Engineer – Scope

Architect Engineer – Contracting and Competition Principles

Owners Engineer – Request for Information

Owners Engineer – Scope

Owners Engineer – Contracting and Competition Principles

GDF Design Strategy Handbook

You will be required to register on Atamis, and once registration is complete you can search for this PIN using the Atamis search box and using the title as a reference, and express your interest in the Architect Engineer and/or Owners Engineer requirements.

II.2.14) Additional information

This PIN is not a call for competition; it is to signal an intention to commence market engagement with interested organisations for the provision of an Architect Engineer and Owners Engineer for the GDF programme with industry experts and suppliers who are interested in potentially bidding for the resulting commercial agreement(s).

If you wish to participate in the market engagement please register your interest via the URL here on Atamis, no later than 16:00 BST, Friday 21st June 2024.

<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Please DO NOT register interest through any other route.

Market engagement is being carried out in two initial stages.

For the first stage, NWS are requesting written responses to a number of questions, which can be found within the Request for Information (RFI) documents on Atamis. Suppliers' responses to these questions should be sent to NWS via the messaging function on Atamis no later than 16:00 BST, Friday 28th June 2024.

For the second stage, NWS will hold "one-to-one" market engagement sessions with interested Suppliers who are interested in potentially bidding for either the Architect Engineer and/or Owners Engineer procurements, with a view to gaining a more in-depth understanding of the supply chain perspective on our current approach. These sessions are likely to take place face-to-face in the week commencing 15th July 2024 in the Birmingham area (venue TBC). Whilst it is NWS' preference to meet with Suppliers face-to-face, where this is not possible, alternative virtual sessions may be scheduled for the week commencing 22nd July 2024.

Additional CPV codes(s):

71322000 - Engineering design services for the construction of civil engineering works
98113100 - Nuclear safety services
71240000 - Architectural, engineering & planning services
71332000 - Geotechnical engineering services
90521300 - Disposal of radioactive waste
90521400 - Transport of radioactive waste
90521500 - Packaging of radioactive waste

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

24 May 2025

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The estimated value of this requirement, as stated in Section II.1.5 of this PIN, is listed below and excluding VAT. This is broken down between the two separate requirements as follows:

Architect Engineer – £681,814,000.00 - £1,321,922,000.00 over a total of 10 - 15 year contract duration.

Owners Engineer – £113,529,000.00 - £204,336,000.00 over a total of 10 - 15 year contract duration.