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Planning

UKRI-2255 Direct Wire Solar Power Purchase Agreement for STFC

UK Research & Innovation

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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NUTS code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

www.ukri.org

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-2255 Direct Wire Solar Power Purchase Agreement for STFC

Reference number

UKRI-2255

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 09330000 - Solar energy

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

UK Research and Innovation ('UKRI') is planning to launch a procurement for a contract to supply electricity via direct wire solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the Science and Technology Facilities Council ('STFC'). A contract of up to 25 years to supply electricity is being sought via direct wire due to grid capacity limitations at STFC's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Harwell, Oxfordshire.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 65310000 - Electricity distribution

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

UKRI is planning to launch a procurement for a contract to provide electricity via direct wire (behind the meter) solar PPA for the STFC. Direct wire is sought from any supplier who is able to secure land within 5km of the site in Harwell, Oxfordshire, who has a demonstrable expertise in solar power, and who can manage the full end-to-end process, including all planning permissions, system development etc. STFC is seeking to enter into a contract with one supplier at a price of pence per kilowatt hour that can demonstrate best value to the public sector for that period.

The estimated value given in this PIN is purely indicative at this stage.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

12 September 2022

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

UKRI- STFC would like to invite potential bidders to a virtual supplier event. There will be the opportunity to learn more about the diversity and the potential of this requirement and to ask any questions you may have. Useful feedback from the session, Q&A and any subsequent commentary may be used to inform the final procurement strategy and tender documentation, ensuring all valid options are considered. The supplier event will take place on Thursday 21st July 2022 at 13.30 BST via Zoom, lasting no longer than 1 hour 30 minutes.

Please email STFCProcurement@ukri.org with the subject "UKRI-2255 PPA - EOI" to register your interest, intention to attend the supplier event and confirm the number, names and email addresses of those attending. Registration must be received by 14.00 BST on Wednesday 20th July 2022 to ensure the joining details are issued to you.

All suppliers that express an interest in this requirement will receive all the information that is shared at the supplier event, even if they cannot attend.

Please note, the deadline referenced in this notice is the deadline for expressing an interest in the supplier event and is not the deadline for the submission of tenders. All dates in relation to any tender will be included in any relevant contract notice.

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