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Planning

Orbital Lighting System (Unit A)

Satellite Applications Catapult

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03e1f0

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Satellite Applications Catapult

Electron Building, Fermi Avenue, Harwell

Didcot

OX11 0QR

Email

procurement@sa.catapult.org.uk

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UK - United Kingdom

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://sa.catapult.org.uk/>

Buyer's address

https://www.mytenders.co.uk/search/Search_AuthProfile.aspx?ID=AA42845

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

RTO

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Space Sector

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Orbital Lighting System (Unit A)

Reference number

SAC-24-017-D

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71318100 - Artificial and natural lighting engineering services for buildings

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Satellite Applications Catapult is seeking a suitable provider to develop an automated orbital lighting system for its IOSM Facility. The system will be installed in the facilities dark room measuring 27m x 7m x 8m and contains robot systems to mimic spacecraft flight. It is expected to replicate orbital lighting conditions that accurately represent the lighting environment spacecraft will experience. As such, the system is expected to move light sources to replicate the effect of light emitting bodies (eg the sun) on spacecraft. Due to existing equipment mounted in the facility it is expected that the lighting system will be mounted to the walls or above (ceiling mounting is not possible). Movement of light sources is expected to be automated and programmable, ideally in coordination with the existing KUKA robots via ROS nodes. Light sources are to be included suitable to mimic sunlight encountered in orbit (approx. 6900 Kelvin). Light sources to be low weight & energy efficient.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £150,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ13 - Buckinghamshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Westcott

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This is a prior information notice outlining this potential requirement to make the market aware of the potential upcoming need. If this progresses, procurement documentation will be published on the MyTenders portal and will be conducted by a competitive procurement process. We do not have further information to share at this point. Please ensure that you have registered your interest on the MyTenders portal to receive further updates about this opportunity.

II.2.14) Additional information

Additional background information is provided in the downloadable document “Background SAC IOSM Facility” – if you are having issues locating this document, please contact procurement@sa.catapult.org.uk to request a copy.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

15 September 2023

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

We are issuing a series of PINs related to this requirement. It is worth noting that not all of these will progress to contract but work is still underway to determine our preferred options.

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