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Award

Provision of Independent Research and Advice on Nuclear Graphite

OFFICE FOR NUCLEAR REGULATION

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-03574b

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UK - United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.onr.gov.uk

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Nuclear regulation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of Independent Research and Advice on Nuclear Graphite

Reference number

ONR865

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

To secure access to independent (from Licensees) technical advice relating to the ageing and behaviour of nuclear graphite and graphite cores; assessment of validity of safety cases and academic research into various aspects of ageing phenomena in graphite.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Negotiated procedure without publication of a contract notice / call for competition.

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II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

The anticipated duration of the contract is 24 months, but with an option to extend in annual increments for a further 2 years.

(i.e 2+1+1)

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in Find a Tender Service or the Official Journal of the European Union in the case listed below:

Regulation 32 exempt: 32(2)(b)(ii) whereby "competition is absent for technical reasons". ONR asserts its belief that the University of Manchester are the only economic operator in the EU that are capable to support ONR with independent, research and expert advice to mount an authoritative but constructive challenge to the Licensee's arguments / submissions and to ensure that judgements made are consistent with a broadly-based authoritative scientific consensus. Containing experts; leading academic authority and industry professionals, ONR has no knowledge of any other fully independent operator who holds the ability to satisfy its requirement at present and consequently asserts general grounds are satisfied.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

ONR865

Title

Provision of Independent Research and Advice on Nuclear Graphite

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

28 July 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

The University of Manchester

Royce Hub Building, Oxford Road

Manchester

M13 9PL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD - North West (England)

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £2,000,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

None

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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