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## **UKRI-1679 Remote Retrieval and Handling Facility**

UK Research and Innovation

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-035a26

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

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

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United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKK14 - Swindon

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ukri.org>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Containers-for-waste-material/4SECHT2A73>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research and innovation

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-1679 Remote Retrieval and Handling Facility

Reference number

UKRI-1679

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 44613800 - Containers for waste material

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Remote Retrieval and Handling Facility (RRHF) project is part of the Waste Accumulation Reduction Programme (WARP) which is in place to manage the accumulation of radioactive waste from legacy facilities and current ISIS Neutron and Muon Source (ISIS) operations at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory (RAL). This radioactive waste needs to be safely managed and disposed of in compliance with legislation and government policy. In response to this requirement, STFC needs to develop the capability in terms of facilities, techniques, staff competence and external stakeholder agreements to reduce this backlog and sustainably manage radioactive wastes from current and future activities.

The RRHF will be a specialist facility which will allow handling of radioactive waste, primarily in preparation for disposal, but also facilitating sampling, size reduction, Post Irradiation Examination (PIE), maintenance and other tasks involving radioactive materials.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 44613800 - Containers for waste material

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Oxfordshire

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £10,000,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Start date

1 March 2023

End date

2 March 2026

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged minimum number: 1

Maximum number: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Following evaluation of the submitted SQ Responses and approval of the outcome, UKRI intends to invite up to 5 Suppliers to the Invitation to Submit Outlined solution In Dialogue Stage (ITSOS) by issuing an Invitation to Participate in Dialogue. Only Suppliers who pass all Mandatory Pass/Fail Selection Questions of the SQ Document will be invited to the Invitation to Submit Outlined solution In Dialogue Stage (ITSOS). If there are more than 5 suppliers, the suppliers shall be ranked based on their total score achieved in the Selection stage and the top 5 ranked suppliers shall be invited to the Invitation to Submit Outlined solution In Dialogue Stage (ITSOS).

The intention is for the dialogue to take place in successive stages in order to reduce the number of solutions to be discussed during the dialogue stage by applying the award criteria as detailed in the documentation. Please refer to Appendix D UKRI-1679-Competitive Dialogue Process

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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**

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Competitive dialogue

#### **IV.1.4) Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated

#### **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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

16 September 2022

Local time

2:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

### **VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

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### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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