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Tender

Purchase of Ultra Precision Diamond Turning Lathe System

AWE PLC

F17: Contract notice for contracts in the field of defence and security

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)

AWE PLC

Room 20,Building F161.2 Atomic Weapons Establishment

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RG74PR

Contact

AWE Procurement

Email(s)

AWEProcurement@awe.co.uk

Telephone

+44 7469128173

Country

United Kingdom

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

General address of the contracting authority/entity

<https://www.awe.co.uk/>

Further information

Further information can be obtained from the above mentioned contact point(s)

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to

The above-mentioned contact point(s)

I.2) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Non Departmental Public Body

I.3) Main activity

Defence

I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities:

No

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1) Description

II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Purchase of Ultra Precision Diamond Turning Lathe System

II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Supplies

Purchase

Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance

AWE Plc, Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

AWE has a requirement for a replacement Ultra Precision Diamond Turning Lathe capability within our facilities.

This procurement is part of an obsolescence programme that aims to purchase a replacement diamond turning lathe system to replace AWE's ageing Precitech Nano 250 unit used to make highly accurate components used in various physics experiments.

The principal requirements are to:

Delivery, installation, and commission of a single new Ultra Precision Diamond Turning Lathe to be carried out at AWE, Aldermaston, Reading, RG7 4PR.

Provide training as part of the commission of the new instrument.

Supplier capability to provide a support package for at least 5 years for maintenance and repairs support.

II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 42620000 - Lathes, boring and milling machine tools

Additional CPV code(s)

- 42621000 - Lathes

II.1.7) Information about subcontracting

The tenderer has to indicate in the tender any share of the contract it may intend to subcontract to third parties and any proposed subcontractor, as well as the subject-matter of the subcontracts for which they are proposed

II.1.8) Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.9) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract

II.2.1) Total quantity or scope

Estimated Range excluding VAT: between 500,000 and 600,000 Currency: GBP

II.2.2) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.3) Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: No

II.3) Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Start date: 15 January 2024

End date: 15 January 2026

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions relating to the contract

III.1.2) Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Payment based on successful completion of key milestones as part of supplier proposal (Delivery, installation, commissioning etc.)

III.1.4) Other particular conditions to which the performance of the contract is subject, in particular with regard to security of supply and security of information

Due to security requirements for AWE, part of the PQQ will include an evaluation of supplier Security.

III.1.5) Information about security clearance

Candidates which do not yet hold security clearance may obtain such clearance until: 1 February 2024

III.2) Conditions for participation

III.2.1) Personal situation

Criteria regarding the personal situation of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed within the PQQ document

Criteria regarding the personal situation of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection) including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed within the PQQ document

III.2.2) Economic and financial ability

Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed within the PQQ document

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As detailed within the PQQ document

Criteria regarding the economic and financial standing of subcontractors (that may lead to their exclusion)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed within the PQQ document

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As detailed within the PQQ document

III.2.3) Technical and/or professional capacity

Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of economic operators (that may lead to their exclusion)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed within the PQQ document

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As detailed within the PQQ document

Criteria regarding the technical and/or professional ability of subcontractors (that may lead to their rejection)

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: As detailed within the PQQ document

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: As detailed within the PQQ document

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1) Type of procedure

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Restricted

IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate

Envisaged minimum number 3 and maximum number 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: As detailed within the PQQ

IV.2) Award criteria

IV.2.1) Award criteria

the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction has been used: no

IV.3) Administrative information

IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

1656

IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract

no

IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

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IV.3.6) Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up

English

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

Please find full description of procurement within PQQ document set.

VI.4) Procedures for appeal

VI.4.1) Body responsible for appeal procedures

High Court of England and Wales

Royal Courts of Justice, Strand

London

WC2A 2LL

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.judiciary.uk/you-and-the-judiciary/going-to-court/high-court/>

VI.4.2) Lodging of appeals

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: In accordance with the Defence and Security Public Contracts Regulations 2011, AWE will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period from the date that the contract award decision is communicated to tenderers.