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Planning

Wind Turbine Operation & Maintenance Services:

Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult

F01: Prior information notice

Prior information only

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://www.ore.catapult.org.uk>

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

Compliance with Grant Funding Agreement

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research & Development

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Wind Turbine Operation & Maintenance Services:

Reference number

DN693575

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71314200 - Energy-management services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) has been issued by The Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult ("ORE Catapult") and is for market research purposes only to ascertain the level of interest and to assist in determining the most suitable route to market.

This PIN will not be used to reduce timescales in any future planned procurements.

It is the intention of ORE Catapult to initiate a procurement procedure and subsequently appoint a single Contractor for the provision of Operation & Maintenance Services to our offshore Levenmouth Demonstration Turbine (LDT) in Fife, Scotland.

The LDT is a standalone single 7MW offshore turbine prototype approximately 50m offshore but connected via a walkway to the Scottish Enterprise owned Fife Energy Park. The power generated is connected to the Scottish Power electricity network at 11kV.

ORE Catapult are seeking a Contractor to Operate and Maintain the LDT whilst being proactive and recognising potential serial problems, investigate the issue(s), propose viable solutions and communicate with the ORE Catapult Authorised Representative timeously throughout. You must be excellent at troubleshooting and have the ability/capability to identify problems that will help keep maintenance costs down and availability of the LDT up.

The scope of services shall encompass but shall not be limited to routine maintenance, troubleshooting, diagnostics, repairs, manage and undertake agreed renewal project by

providing and having the necessary on-site technical capabilities to undertake specialised engineering tasks specific to the LDT. The LDT is an open platform and ORE Catapult's intention is to provide collaborative engineering solutions to deliver Commercial Research and Development (CR&D) projects specific to LDT as required.

Qualification Criteria shall include, but not be limited to, relevant experience, technical expertise, and compliance with safety and environmental regulations.

Potential Contractors are to note that TUPE shall apply to this Contract.

Due to the sensitive nature of information regarding the LDT, all parties interested in this Contract shall be required to sign a Non-Disclosure Agreement ("NDA"). It is the intention of ORE Catapult to publish the NDA at the beginning of November and the call for competition mid-end November 2023. Only Contractors returning a signed NDA shall be issued the Tender Documentation.

Further information regarding the LDT can be found here :

<https://ore.catapult.org.uk/what-we-do/testing-validation/levenmouth/>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 76000000 - Services related to the oil and gas industry
- 76500000 - Onshore and offshore services
- 50530000 - Repair and maintenance services of machinery
- 71314000 - Energy and related services
- 31121320 - Wind turbines

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKM72 - Clackmannanshire and Fife

Main site or place of performance

Fife Energy Park, Levenmouth, Scotland

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Initial Contract shall be awarded for a period of up to four (4) years with an option, at the sole discretion of ORE Catapult and based on Contractor performance, to extend this period for up to a further four (4) Years

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

20 November 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

