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Tender

UKRI-2425 Custom Water Tank for Experiments at Boulby Underground Laboratory

UK Research & Innovation

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-037dc7

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/>

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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

UKRI-2425 Custom Water Tank for Experiments at Boulby Underground Laboratory

Reference number

UKRI-2425

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 44611500 - Water tanks

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The BUTTON project is organised and managed by STFC with staff at STFC responsible for the facilitating access to the host laboratory and for the health and safety of all personnel working on the project underground. Boulby staff will accept delivery of the tank and supervise the installation in the underground laboratory. Partners within academia are funded by STFC to support the development, design, installation, and operation of the BUTTON project. The principal investigator (PI) for the project is based at the University of Sheffield and the integration manager at the University of Liverpool. The project manager and PI have appointed a team led by a work package lead to organise activity relating to the tank. Once the tank is installed a group of engineers, scientists and technicians will be responsible for the installation and experimental operation of the project, under the supervision of Boulby staff.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £190,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

STFC has funded a project to develop neutrino detection technologies for nuclear non-proliferation activities as part of an international programme with partners in the UK and USA. The project is funded in the UK by the Fund for International Collaboration and by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) as part of the nuclear threat reduction activity led by the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) and by National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) in the USA.

A key aspect of the joint programme of work is the construction of a neutrino detection technology testbed, the BUTTON (Boulby Underground Testbed for Technologies Observing Neutrinos) experiment, at Boulby Underground Laboratory. The BUTTON testbed will be used to evaluate the performance of scintillation media such as water based liquid scintillator and liquidO and new detection technologies such as wavelength shifting plate detectors and large area picosecond photodetectors (LAPPDs).

The design of the BUTTON testbed comprises a cylindrical tank that will contain 30 tonnes of liquid media, as illustrated in Figure 1. An internal support structure that will cover the inside surface area will be mounted to the base of the tank that will support up to 96 photomultiplier tubes (PMTs) that will cover the surface area of the tank walls, base, and lid.

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: £190,000

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

Duration in months

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

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

Date

12 December 2022

Local time

2:00pm

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

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

12 December 2022

Local time

3:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

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:

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Water-tanks./743MX386A2>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/respond/743MX386A2>

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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