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Contract

Contract for the Supply and Installation of an Ammonia Storage and Vaporisation Unit to the University of Birmingham

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Contract for the Supply and Installation of an Ammonia Storage and Vaporisation Unit to the University of Birmingham

Reference number

SC11053/22

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 24110000 - Industrial gases

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

The University of Birmingham invites tenders for the supply of an ammonia storage and vaporisation unit capable of supplying ammonia at:

- 70kg/hr
- 8.0 Barg
- $\geq 25^{\circ}\text{C}$

The unit is part of a BEIS funded programme to construct an ammonia cracking plant to produce green hydrogen. The Tyseley Ammonia Project will design, build, commission, and operate the world's largest and most efficient ammonia to hydrogen

conversion unit, demonstrating 200kg/day production of transport-grade hydrogen. It will be located at Tyseley Energy Park and co-located alongside an existing refuelling station.

The hydrogen will be used to refuel local vehicles including 20 fuel cell buses that have been ordered by Birmingham City Council. The ammonia cracker combines decomposition and purification stages into a single, compact unit, with lower operational temperatures due to recent innovations in membrane technology.

The project aims to dramatically improve the efficiency and economics of ammonia cracking, accelerate the development of hydrogen solutions in the UK and position the country at the forefront of an emerging global market.

The project is led by Gemserv, with partners EQUANS, H2SITE, Storengy, Yara, University of Birmingham and Tyseley Energy Park.

The ammonia unit will be integrated into ammonia cracking plant, being provided by other partners with operations being the responsibility of EQUANS.

This project may be funded by the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) or;

- European Structural and Investment Fund (ESIF) or;

- Research Councils UK (RCUK), the strategic partnership of the UK's seven Research Councils.

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: £708,460

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 24413000 - Ammonia

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKG31 - Birmingham

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

An initial FEED study for the ammonia storage and vaporisation unit has been commissioned from STAR technical solutions and the design is set out in the series of accompanying documents:

- 136800-001B.Ammonia P&ID.pdf

[Ammonia plant P&ID document]

- 136800-002A.Equipment Layout.pdf

[pdf of Equipment layout]

- 136800-002A.Equipment Layout.dwg

[drawing file of Equipment layout]

- 136800-003A.Calulations.pdf

[Calculations used in the plant design]

- 136800-004B.Principles of

Operation.pdf [Description of how plant should operate]

- 136800-005A.Concept Design

Ammonia Hazard Assessment.pdf

- 136800-006A.Hazard and Operability Study.pdf

- HAZOP Drawing.pdf

- HAZOP Keywords.pdf

- Hsg71 - Chemical Warehousing.pdf

The tender should comply with the specification as set out in these documents. All documents should be considered in detail as part of the tendering process.

The design of the ammonia storage and vaporisation unit base is to deliver ammonia at:

- 70kg/hr

- 8.0 Barg

- $\geq 25^{\circ}\text{C}$

Further requirements/considerations include (see documents for details):

- Small quantities of water are contained in ammonia when supplied by BOC. When transferring ammonia liquid from the drum tanks, water is also transferred. This added water must not affect the operation of the vaporiser. A system to separate the

water from liquid ammonia must be included. The separated water must have a system to allow it to be decanted safely.

- The facility may require the ammonia delivery pressure to be reduced or increased. The design must be capable of supplying ammonia vapour at stable pressures between 6 to 10 Barg.

- The drum tank weight must be measured in position to know if the drum tanks are ready to be swapped out.

- Under no circumstance, the equipment operation will result in any back filling of the BOC drum tanks with liquid ammonia resulting in overcharging the drum tanks.

- The safety systems that must be included are those detailed in BS EN378 Part 1 to 4 and any standards referenced. Ammonia is used in refrigeration systems and all the safety requirements within these standards apply to this project.

- The adding of ammonia to the system must be simple; no venting of liquid when removing hoses and any vapour must be vented through water in a controlled manner.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Compliance to the Specifications / Weighting: 40

Quality criterion - Name: After Sales and Technical Back Up / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Delivery and Training / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability and Environmental / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Standard Supplier Questionnaire (SQ) / Weighting: 10

Price - Weighting: 25

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: 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: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2022/S 000-023937](#)

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 September 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Star Refrigeration Limited

Glasgow

G46 8JW

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKM82 - Glasgow City

Companies House

SC048005

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £708,460

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

University of Birmingham

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United Kingdom