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Planning

LA/VLA Analytical Services - Market Engagement Event (2)

Sellafield Limited

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/sellafield-ltd>

I.3) Communication

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Nuclear Decommissioning

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

LA/VLA Analytical Services - Market Engagement Event (2)

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71620000 - Analysis services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Sellafield Ltd are seeking suitably experienced and qualified service provider(s) to deliver LA (Low Active) and VLA (Very Low Active) Analytical Services in support of Sellafield Operations.

Further to the previous Prior Information Notice published in November 2021 LA/VLA Analytical Services - Market Engagement - Find a Tender (<https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/029715-2021>) and initial Market Engagement Event held during December 2021, Sellafield Ltd plan to hold a 2nd Market Engagement Event in January 2023 for LA/VLA Analytical Services; Date, Time and Venue TBC.

The purpose of the event is for Sellafield Ltd is to inform the supply chain of the details of the procurement, along with details of any changes to the data shared pre and post the initial Market Engagement Event in December 2021, and to provide a further opportunity for the supply chain to share their thoughts and interest on the LA/VLA Analytical Services Tender.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £86,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71900000 - Laboratory services
- 90521000 - Radioactive waste treatment services
- 90700000 - Environmental services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Sellafield Site

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Analytical Services provides an essential service in support of Sellafield Operations which in accordance with its Site Licence Conditions requires Sellafield to report to the regulatory bodies eg Environmental Agency (EA) and demonstrate the use of Best Available Technology (BAT) and As Low as Reasonably Practicable (ALARP) for the management of effluent and other waste activities which are key to delivery of the Sellafield Ltd mission. The site is envisaged to have a demand for analytical services until 2110.

Sellafield Ltd has therefore a requirement for suitably experienced and qualified service providers(s) to undertake LA (Low Active) and VLA (Very Low Active) Analytical services in support of Sellafield site Operations. The service is to consist of sample receipt or collection, storage, analyses and waste disposal.

The estimated value range of the contract scope of work is £86.5-£100m. The duration is to be confirmed but is assumed to be 10 years with reviews at years 6 and 8.

The current supply chain contractual arrangements include:

- Environmental, Low Active Radiological, Dosimetry and Chemical analyses (Part A).
- Radiological and Chemical analyses supporting the Facilities Characterisation work stream (Part B).

Current arrangements are due to expire in or around July 2024, and Sellafield Ltd will be undertaking a procurement exercise for the continued provision of the Part A Services. In addition, Low Active analyses, currently undertaken by Sellafield Ltd within the site laboratory, will be included in the scope of the procurement. The transition of this scope to the supply chain is currently envisaged to take place during the early period of the contract.

Part B scope for Waste Characterisation Services will be subject to a separate tender at a later date to be confirmed and is therefore not included within the scope of this procurement.

The current timetable for LA and VLA envisages:

- Competition Commencement in May 2023
- Contract Award in March 2025
- Commence Mobilisation March 2025
- Transition of LA scope will be completed during the early period of the contract.

The procurement will be open to all providers who can demonstrate they have the capacity either as a single organisation or in conjunction with a wider supply chain with significant levels of the required accreditation and experience in order to deliver the scope of work required.

The procurement will be subject to the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) 2015 and is currently planned to be conducted using the Open Procedure, pursuant to regulation 27 of the PCR's 2015.

The purpose of the 2nd Market Engagement Event in addition to the points stated above is to allow the supply chain a further opportunity to review additional information beforehand and gain a better understanding of the requirement with the aim of assisting SL to further optimise its Acquisition Strategy aligning Sellafield Ltd expectations and requirements with those of the supply chain.

The Market Engagement event is scheduled for January 2023; date, time and venue to be confirmed over the forthcoming weeks.

Prior to the January 2023 event an information pack will be available via Atamis for all registered suppliers; the first pack aims to include draft Service Specifications.

II.2.14) Additional information

As noted above, confirmation of the Date, Time and Venue for the January 2023 event will be issued over the forthcoming weeks.

Organisations wishing to join the event are encouraged to register with Sellafield Ltd via the Atamis portal, against Ref ID Number C10718

To register for access to Atamis click or copy the link below:

<https://one-nda.force.com/s/Welcome>

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

19 May 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