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AWE PLC - Future Materials Campus - Construction Work - PIN

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F16: Prior information 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

AWE

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RG74PR

Email(s)

fmcmarkets@awe.co.uk

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)

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/entity is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities/entities:

No

Section II: Object

II.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority/entity:

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II.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance

Works

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

II.3) Information on framework agreement

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement: No

II.4) Short description of nature and scope of works or nature and quantity or value of supplies or services

The UK government is fully committed to our independent, continuous at-sea nuclear deterrent, and through its 'triple lock pledge', to delivering the upgrades and programmes necessary to maintain and renew the country's defence nuclear capabilities. The scale and complexity of the work required is a critical National Endeavour, and includes substantial investment in infrastructure development across the Defence Nuclear Enterprise. We have two complex infrastructure programmes:

- AWE's Future Material Campus (FMC) project focuses on the required investment to renew AWE's manufacturing and storage capability for nuclear components and investing in new capabilities for nuclear material recovery.
- Future Infrastructure Programme (FIP) - focusing on delivering AWE's wider infrastructure needs in relation to new office accommodation; laboratories; testing facilities, site services, and advanced manufacturing facilities.

This PIN specifically relates to potential supply chain engagement required to deliver the construction works aspects only of the FMC programme.

The Future Materials Campus is AWE's flagship programme and is a part of a wider, multi-year multi-billion-pound portfolio of infrastructure investment that will support us in our overall purpose to protect the UK through nuclear science and technology and enable

nuclear science for generations to come.

AWE is seeking interest from suppliers to take part in pre-market engagement activities regarding the construction works aspects only of the establishment of this multi-billion-pound, multi-year programme of works to support its renewed manufacturing and storage capability for nuclear components. The high level CPV code listed illustrates the breadth of support associated with the delivery of the FMC programme. This is limited to construction related capabilities across the full project lifecycle in the following areas:

- Construction services spanning enabling works through, construction, fit out and commissioning of both complex nuclear buildings and a broader range of non-nuclear facilities together with the associated infrastructure of both.

This PIN calls for interested suppliers to indicate their interest in participating via completion of the Supplier Registration pre-market engagement exercise (link below).

<https://forms.office.com/e/GkmAKAqFpM>

Please note that FMC have not agreed any specific procurement, packaging and/or lotting strategy and this market engagement will help to provide input into the decision making process concerning the packaging and / or lotting strategy and the wider procurement strategy.

Lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.5) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)

- 45000000 - Construction work

Additional CPV code(s)

- 44000000 - Construction structures and materials; auxiliary products to construction (except electric apparatus)
- 45100000 - Site preparation work
- 45200000 - Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work
- 45300000 - Building installation work
- 45400000 - Building completion work

II.7) Additional information

The FMC wishes to engage the market across a wide range of suppliers and topics in support of developing our approach to the procurement of construction works.

The FMC has already initiated early supply market involvement across a wide range of suppliers and topics in support of developing the commercial approach. This PIN is to identify and further engage with construction industry experts on complex and unique challenges as part of a targeted and comprehensive market engagement exercise. This PIN signals the commencement of the FMC market engagement programme to support the proposed procurement in Q2/Q3 2025. Suppliers who would like to engage with the programme, and who have not done so already are invited to register interest via the questionnaire referred to in this PIN.

Interested Parties:

Suppliers who are interested to participate in the FMC Market Engagement are required to complete the Supplier Registration detailed in the link above and send to FMCMarkets@awe.co.uk including in the subject of your email submission "Future Materials Campus: Construction Works PIN".

AWE shall undertake a security assessment against the information suppliers submit in the Supplier Registration. For the avoidance of doubt, suppliers will not be invited to participate in further market engagement associated with this PIN if, as a result of this assessment (or based on other grounds) they do not meet the necessary security requirements.

The nature of this PIN is such that AWE intends to operate restrictions within the relevant procurement legislation to protect essential national security interests. If an economic operator has connections with any hostile entity or foreign states which are deemed by AWE to pose a risk to the UK's national security interests or is otherwise considered not to possess the reliability necessary to exclude risks to the security of the United Kingdom, AWE reserves its right to exclude them from this exercise.

If suppliers successfully meet AWE's security requirements, a Non-Disclosure agreement (NDA) will be sent to the nominated email address provided in their Supplier Registration. The NDA will need to be signed and sent back before further market engagement information is released to the supplier.

This PIN is not a call for competition. In issuing this PIN and engaging with the market, AWE is not committing to conduct any procurement in relation to this programme. Equally non-participation in this Market Engagement will not be considered in any future procurement activities and will not preclude any organisation from submitting a tender in any future open market competitions.

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.2) Additional information

Conditions regarding this PIN:

1. This PIN is not a call for competition and is not published to reduce time limits for the receipt of tenders;
2. AWE reserves the right not to commence any procurement or award any contract in respect of this opportunity;
3. The information contained in this PIN may be subject to change due to the impact of governance, assurance, regulatory changes and/or the pre-market engagement outcomes.
4. In so far as is permitted by law, AWE shall not be liable for any losses incurred by any party as a result of reliance on the information contained/linked herein;
5. Failure to register an interest in connection with this PIN shall not prevent an organisation from participating in any potential future formal call(s) for competition;
6. FMC has selected a Main CPV code at Section II.1.2 and an Additional CPV code(s) at Section II.2.2 that best fit the scope of this market engagement. Any organisation wishing to express interest in FMC can do so at any time prior to the procurement phase by contacting fmcmarkets@awe.co.uk;
7. Publication of this PIN is part of the FMC's market engagement and due diligence process on its options, and the publication of this PIN does not indicate that a decision has been made on a particular route for a procurement and/or subsequent contract award;
8. FMC is not obliged to respond to any correspondence on this PIN or any matter related to this market engagement;
9. References to FMC are to the programme and team engaged by AWE to deliver the programme.
10. AWE will not be liable to any costs incurred by any supplier in the participation of this PIN.