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PRIOR INDICATIVE NOTICE (PIN)

OPEN TENDER SUMMARY

IO/24/OT/70001205/FMR

For

Lifting Services Framework Contract

Abstract

The purpose of this summary is to provide prior notification of the ITER Organization's intention to launch a competitive Open Tender process in the coming weeks. This summary provides some basic information about the ITER Organization, the technical scope for this tender, and details of the Tender process for Lifting Services Framework Contract.

1 Introduction

This Prior Indicative Notice (PIN) is the first step of an Open Tender Procurement Process leading to the award and execution of a Framework Contract.

2 Background

The ITER project is an international research and development project jointly funded by its seven Members being, the European Union (represented by EURATOM), Japan, the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the USA. ITER is being constructed in Europe at St. Paul–Lez-Durance in southern France, which is also the location of the headquarters (HQ) of the ITER Organization (IO).

For a complete description of the ITER Project, covering both organizational and technical aspects of the Project, visit www.iter.org.

3 Scope of Supply and Services

The scope of the Works covered by this document is the performance of Lifting services, including but not limited to:

The purpose of this Framework Service Contract is the provision of Crane Lease, Contract Lifts, plant hire and procurement/rental of loose lifting equipment which are needed to plan and carry out Lifting Operations at the ITER Site.

For the full scope of services, please see the attached Technical Specifications, ref. CAKZ7Q v1.1.

4 Procurement Process & Objective

The objective is to award a Framework Contract through a competitive bidding process.

The Procurement Procedure selected for this Tender is a so-called **Open Tender** procedure.

The Open Tender procedure is comprised of the following four main steps:

- Step 1- Prior Information Notice (PIN)

The PIN is the first stage of the Open Tender process. The IO formally invites interested Suppliers to indicate their interest in the competitive process by returning to the Procurement Officer in charge the attached “Expression of Interest and PIN Acknowledgement” by the date indicated in the procurement timetable below.

Special attention:

Interested tenderers are kindly requested to register in the IO Ariba e-procurement tool called “I-PROC”. You can find all links to proceed along with instruction going to: <https://www.iter.org/fr/proc/overview>.

When registering in Ariba (I-PROC), suppliers are kindly requested to nominate at least one contact person. This contact person will be receiving the notification of publication of the Request for Proposal and will then be able to forward the Tender documents to colleagues if deemed necessary.

➤ Step 2 - Invitation to Tender – Request for Proposal (RFP)

After 20 calendar days of the publication of the PIN, the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be published on our digital tool “I-PROC”. This stage allows interested bidders who have indicated their interest to the Procurement Officer in charge AND who have registered in I-PROC to receive the notification that the RFP is published. They will then prepare and submit their proposals in accordance with the Tender instructions detailed in the RFP.

Only companies registered in the I-PROC tool will be invited to the Tender.

➤ Step 3 – Tender Evaluation Process

Tenderers’ proposals will be evaluated by an impartial evaluation committee of the IO. Tenderers must provide details demonstrating their technical compliance to perform the works in line with the technical scope and in accordance with the particular criteria listed in the RFP.

➤ Step 4 – Contract Award

A Framework Service Contract will be awarded on the basis of best value for money according to the evaluation criteria and methodology described in the RFP.

Procurement Timetable

The tentative timetable is as follows:

Milestone	Date
Publication of the Prior Indicative Notice (PIN)	5 December 2024
Submission of expression of interest form	10 January 2025
Request for Proposal launched on I-PROC	15 January 2025
Tender Submission	4 March 2025
Contract Award	May 2025
Contract Signature	June 2025
Ramp up*	October 2025
Start of Services	7 December 2025

*an overlap period of 2 months is foreseen to let the new contractor familiarize themselves with site activities and procedures and the old contractor to demobilise smoothly.

5 Quality Assurance Requirements

The Candidate shall have ISO 9001 or shall submit to the IO for approval its “Quality Assurance Program” in the Tender Submission for the IO’s review and acceptance. Prior to commencement of any work under this Contract(s), a Quality Plan shall be submitted and approved by the IO.

6 Contract Duration and Execution

The IO shall award the Framework Contract around May 2025. The contract duration shall be 4-years with two (2) optional extensions of 1-year each.

7 Experience

The Candidate (inclusive of consortium members) shall have experience of carried out lifting operations in a nuclear or similar highly regulated environment where procedural rigour and traceability are of high importance.

The Candidate (inclusive of consortium members) shall have owned cranes with capacity from 30t to 1000t.

The Candidate (inclusive of consortium members) shall demonstrate a high level of safety culture.

The official language of the ITER Project is English. All communication shall be in the English language (spoken and written). The Candidate shall ensure that he has the personnel who can carry out the roles of the Project Manager(s) and on-Site Manager(s) who will be proficient users of the English language.

8 Candidature

Participation is open to all legal entities participating either individually or in a grouping/consortium. A legal entity is an individual, company, or organization that has legal rights and obligations and is established within an ITER Member State, being: the European Union (represented by EURATOM), Japan, the People's Republic of China, India, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the USA.

Legal entities cannot participate individually or as a consortium partner in more than one application or Tender of the same contract. A consortium may be a permanent, legally established grouping, or a grouping which has been constituted informally for a specific Tender procedure. All members of a consortium (i.e. the leader and all other members) are jointly and severally liable to the IO.

In order for a consortium to be acceptable, the individual legal entities included therein shall have nominated a leader with authority to bind each member of the consortium, and this leader shall be authorised to incur liabilities and receive instructions for and on behalf of each member of the consortium.

It is expected that the designated consortium leader will explain the composition of the consortium members in its offer. Following this, the Candidate's composition must not be modified without notifying the IO of any changes. Evidence of any such authorisation shall be submitted to the IO in due course in the form of a power of attorney signed by legally authorised signatories of all the consortium members.

All consortium members shall be registered in I-PROC.

9 Sub-contracting Rules

Subcontracting is limited to 30 % of the contract value and up to level 2.

All sub-contractors who will be taken on by the Contractor shall be declared with the Tender submission in I-PROC. Each sub-contractor will be required to complete and sign forms including technical and administrative information which shall be submitted to the IO by the Tenderer as part of its Tender.

All declared sub-contractors must be established within an ITER Member State in order to participate.

The IO reserves the right to approve (or disapprove) any sub-contractor which was not notified in the Tender and request a copy of the sub-contracting agreement between the Tenderer and its subcontractor(s). Rules on sub-contracting are indicated in the RFP itself.