

**United Kingdom-Swindon: Niobium**  
**OJ S 121/2017 28/06/2017**  
**Contract notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Science and Technology Facilities Council  
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Town: Swindon  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
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Main address: <http://www.uksbs.co.uk>

**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://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk>  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/emptoris>  
Additional information can be obtained from another address:  
Official name: UK Shared Business Services Ltd  
Town: Swindon  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk)  
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Main address: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/emptoris>

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

## I.5. Main activity

Other activity: public procurement

## Section II: Object

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### II.1. Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1. Title

Niobium for High Beta Cavities.

Reference number: UKSBSPR16286A

#### II.1.2. Main CPV code

14791000 Niobium

#### II.1.3. Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4. Short description

The European Spallation Source (ESS) is a multi-disciplinary research centre based on the world's most powerful neutron source and is currently under construction at Lund, Sweden. This new facility will be around 30 times brighter than today's leading facilities, enabling new opportunities for researchers in the fields of life sciences, energy, environmental technology, cultural heritage and fundamental physics.

As part of the UK in kind contribution to the ESS, STFC is responsible for delivering 88 high- $\beta$  SRF cavities capable of achieving 22.9 MV/m at 704 MHz, with a Q0 better than  $5 \times 10^9$ .

Further technical background is available in section 4 and at <https://europeanspallationsource.se/>

The Niobium procured in this tender shall be used for the fabrication of the high beta cavities for the ESS project as above.

#### II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 5 000 000,00 GBP

#### II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

### II.2. Description

#### II.2.3. Place of performance

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Located at the European Spallation source in Lund, Sweden.

#### II.2.4. Description of the procurement

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**II.2.5. Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 50

**II.2.6. Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 5 000 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 36

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

**II.2.14. Additional information**

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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**III.1. Conditions for participation**

**III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

**Section IV: Procedure**

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**IV.1. Description**

**IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open procedure

**IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

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

Date: 11/08/2017 Local time: 14:00

**IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

**IV.2.4.**

**Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**  
English

**IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**  
Duration in months: 90 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**  
Date: 11/08/2017 Local time: 15:00

## **Section VI: Complementary information**

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### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

### **VI.2. Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

### **VI.3. Additional information**

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the procurement; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a Contract with the successful supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded.

Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of Bidders.

UK Shared Business Services Ltd are able to accept unstructured electronic invoicing.

### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: UK Shared Business Services Limited

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Town: Swindon

Postal code: SN2 1FF

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [policy@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:policy@uksbs.co.uk)

#### **VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

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### **VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

26/06/2017