

UK-Warrington: construction work  
OJ S 164/2012 28/08/2012  
Contract notice  
Works

Directive 2004/18/EC

## Section I: Contracting authority

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### I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: Sellafield Ltd.

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Town: Warrington

Postal code: WA3 6GR

Country: United Kingdom

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Telephone: +44 1925836032

#### Internet address(es):

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.sellafieldsites.com>

#### Additional information can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

**Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted:** the abovementioned address

### I.2. Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

### I.3. Main activity

Other: Nuclear Decommissioning

### I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: no

## Section II: Object of the contract

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### II.1. Description

#### II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority

Silos direct encapsulation plant project.

#### II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Works

Design and execution

NUTS code UKD11 West Cumbria

#### II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

#### II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

### **II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Sellafield Ltd is seeking to place a contract for the completion of engineering design, procurement, construction, inactive commissioning and support to active commissioning of the SDP facility.

Sellafield Ltd is responsible for safely delivering decommissioning, reprocessing and nuclear waste management activities on behalf of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority. The safe decommissioning of redundant nuclear facilities is an essential aspect of the UK's civil nuclear programme and the Sellafield site has a number of challenging programmes and projects that Sellafield Ltd must deliver to realise Sellafield's Lifetime Plan.

One of these projects relates to the Silos Direct Encapsulation Plant (SDP). The SDP Project is an integral part of the waste retrieval hazard reduction programme for the Magnox Swarf Storage Silo (MSSS), which is of strategic importance to the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA). SDP is a large and technically complex treatment plant that will receive packages of waste from the MSSS and will immobilise and condition the waste by combining with cementitious material to give an un-reactive and contained product suitable for interim storage within existing Sellafield stores.

This process will significantly reduce the hazard posed by the MSSS material in its 'raw' state. The scope of the SDP project is based around re-use of an extension to an existing site facility initially constructed to house a plant intended to provide the same risk and hazard reduction to the MSSS waste.

Sellafield Ltd wishes to appoint a contractor (possibly in a consortium with others) to deliver a fully functioning SDP Facility capable of meeting the requirements of the anticipated performance specification.

Further details of the Project can be found in the Memorandum of Information within the pre-qualification questionnaire instructions. Documents will be available from Wednesday 29.8.2012.

### **II.1.6. CPV code(s)**

45000000 Construction work, 45100000 Site preparation work, 45200000 Works for complete or part construction and civil engineering work, 45300000 Building installation work, 71300000 Engineering services

### **II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

### **II.1.8. Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

### **II.1.9. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: yes

## **II.2. Scope of the procurement**

### **II.2.1. Total quantity or scope**

As described in the pre-qualification questionnaire instructions, the scope of work will be undertaken in two stages: Stage 1 - completion of engineering design, specific long lead procurements and a detailed scope of civil engineering works to be carried out on the SDP structure including demolition, strip-out, enabling works and new construction work. The Stage 2 - manufacturing design, the balance of procurement, installation, construction and inactive commissioning.

Whilst the SDP project has an agreed technical baseline, the size and complexity of the facility and therefore the potential for savings by reducing the scope and simplifying the process,

drives a requirement to continue with a 'challenge process' in parallel with the competition process. If successful this could result in a reduction to the scope as currently defined. Depending on the timing of any significant output this will be factored into the Procurement by the most appropriate means available i.e. factored in before initial issue of the Invitation to Participate in Dialogue (ITPD); issued by way of a revision to works information prior to issue of the invitation to submit final tender (ITSFT); or as a 'Compensation Event' post contract let. It is not proposed that this challenge process would continue once a contract has been placed but in the unlikely event that it does this will be dealt with as a 'Compensation Event'. Refer also to pre-qualification questionnaire instructions.

Estimated value excluding VAT:

Range: between 800 000 000 and 1 400 000 000 GBP

#### **II.2.2. Information about options**

Options: yes

Description of options: As described in the pre-qualification questionnaire instructions, the delivery of the contract will be undertaken in two stages. Stage 1 - completion of engineering design, specific long lead procurements and a detailed scope of civil engineering works to be carried out on the SDP structure including demolition, strip-out, enabling works and new construction work. The Stage 2 - manufacturing design, the balance of procurement, installation, construction and inactive commissioning. Candidates should note that Sellafield will have the sole discretion in deciding if the stage 2 works are awarded to the Contractor in whole or in part (nominally) at the end of the stage 1 works.

#### **II.2.3. Information about renewals**

#### **II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

Start 22.11.2013. Completion 30.6.2019

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

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#### **III.1. Conditions related to the contract**

##### **III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required**

Parent company guarantees and/or performance bonds may be required at Sellafield Ltd's discretion.

##### **III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them**

Details will be set out in the invitation to participate in dialogue and/or the contractual documentation and will be developed throughout the competitive dialogue.

##### **III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded**

No legal form is required, but in the event of a group of contractors submitting an acceptable offer, Sellafield may require that the consortium take a particular legal form and/or that an undertaking be provided that each company or firm will be jointly and severally responsible for the due performance of the contract.

##### **III.1.4. Contract performance conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: yes

Description of particular conditions: Tenderers will be required to provide information as requested via Sellafield Ltd's CTM system or via the nominated Sellafield Ltd representative,

details of which are set out at Section I.1 of this notice. These details are a mandatory requirement for being eligible to participate in the tender.

Other particular conditions:

Candidates who successfully pre-qualify and are invited into the dialogue stage will be required to sign a confidentiality undertaking prior to the release of the invitation to participate in dialogue documents;

The successful tenderer may be required to actively participate in the achievement of social and/or environmental policy objectives relating to recruitment and training and supply-chain initiatives. Accordingly, award criteria and/or contract performance conditions may relate in particular to social and environmental considerations.

### **III.2. Conditions for participation**

#### **III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions: Tenderers will be required to provide information as requested via Sellafield Ltd's CTM system or via the nominated Sellafield Ltd representative, details of which are set out at Section I.1 of this notice. These details are a mandatory requirement for being eligible to participate in the tender.

Candidates should ensure that they do not meet any of the ineligibility conditions stated in Regulation 23(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2006/Directive 2004/18 on the coordination of procedures for the award of public works contracts, public supply contracts and public services contracts.

#### **III.2.2. Economic and financial ability**

List and brief description of conditions: Tenderers will be required to provide information as requested via Sellafield Ltd's CTM system or via the nominated Sellafield Ltd representative, details of which are set out at Section I.1 of this notice. These details are a mandatory requirement for being eligible to participate in the tender.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: as set out in the pre-qualification questionnaire instructions.

#### **III.2.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of conditions:

Tenderers will be required to provide information as requested via Sellafield Ltd's CTM system or via the nominated Sellafield Ltd representative, details of which are set out at Section I.1 of this notice. These details are a mandatory requirement for being eligible to participate in the tender.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required: as set out in the pre-qualification questionnaire instructions.

#### **III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts**

### **III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts**

#### **III.3.1. Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

#### **III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

## **Section IV: Procedure**

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### **IV.1. Type of procedure**

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competitive dialogue

#### **IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited**

Envisaged number of candidates: 3

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates: Sellafield Ltd will take 3 (three) participants through to invitation to participate in dialogue. This is dependant upon 3 (three) participants meeting the minimum requirements of the pre-qualification questionnaire.

#### **IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue**

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated yes

#### **IV.2. Award criteria**

##### **IV.2.1. Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

##### **IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

#### **IV.3. Administrative information**

##### **IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority**

20004350

##### **IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Prior information notice

Notice number in the OJ S: [2012/S 136-226673](#) of 18.7.2012

##### **IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no

##### **IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

10.10.2012 - 12:00

##### **IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

5.11.2012

##### **IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English.

##### **IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

##### **IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders**

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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

This is a recurrent procurement: no

## **VI.2. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:  
no

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

Candidates must register their interest, obtain further information for this contract and submit their tender response via Sellafield Ltd's CTM system which can be found at the following address.

<https://sharedsystems.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=SELLAFIELD>

Initial registration of your company is achieved by using the above site and then clicking on Company Registration.

For guidance on using/registering for CTM please access the training pages from Sellafield Ltd's website which can be found at the following address;

<http://www.sellafieldsites.com/>

Please note that 'request to participate' is by completion and return of a PQQ Response by 12.00 noon on 10.10.2012.

Please note that when requesting the pre-qualification questionnaire instructions candidates must confirm the email address to which information regarding any possible clarifications and /or permitted amendments in respect of the documents may be sent. Failure to do so may result in candidates not receiving important information regarding such clarifications and/or permitted amendments and Sellafield do not accept any liability in respect of any loss incurred as a result of a failure by candidates to provide a contact email address to Sellafield.

In addition, in relation to Section II 1.9. please note that variants may be accepted by Sellafield provided that their form and nature are approved by Sellafield in advance.

Sellafield reserves the right not to award the opportunity or to award only part of the opportunity described in this contract notice.

Documents pertaining to this Contract Notice will be made available via the Sellafield Ltd complete tender management system. Documents will be available from Wednesday 29.8.2012.

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

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

Official name: Royal Courts of Justice (High Court)

Postal address: Strand

Town: London

Postal code: WC2A 2LL

Country: United Kingdom

### **VI.4.2. Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures: In accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2006.

### **VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: As VI.4.1

Country: United Kingdom

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

24.8.2012