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PRIOR INDICATIVE NOTICE (PIN)

OPEN TENDER

IO/22/OT/70000900/JCL

for

Scaffolding services at ITER Site

Abstract

The purpose of this summary is to provide prior notification of the IO 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 the selection of a Company in charge of performing the scaffolding services at ITER Site.

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.

The purpose of this document is to provide a basic summary of the technical content in terms of the scope of work, and the tendering process.

The Domestic Agencies are invited to publish this information in advance of the forthcoming tender giving companies, institutions or other entities that are capable of providing these services/works prior notice of the tender details.

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 Work

The present tender process is aiming to set up a Framework Contract with ITER Organization for the provision of scaffolding services at ITER Site. The services necessary to supply are:

- Safe means of access,
- Protections and collective protections,
- Scaffolding, Working platform, shoring towers and
- Lifting structures / points for the installation of system and equipment.

Sometimes the structures will need to be installed close to unique First of a Kind (FOAK) components, thus all the handling operations are considered critical and sometimes can be executed only when a specific and adapted supervision is in place. Consideration is also required for the intrinsic needs to guarantee a clean environments during assembly phase, for Protection Important Activities (PIA), Protection Important Components (PIC) and Foreign Material Exclusion (FME).

It is important to note that this project is a "First of a Kind" nuclear construction and therefore the Contractor shall continuously strive to improve his competences in nuclear safety and quality.

The ITER Organization, with support of the Construction Manager Agent (CMA), have set up a workflow aiming to anticipate and control the structure requests by the Constructors.

Despite this, in order to respond to unexpected site needs, when the normal process cannot be respected the Contractor is requested to intervene with short notice[1].

The majority of the structures to be delivered will be basic design (that a supplier can justify through the manufacturer's manual, technical notice). When a structure cannot be justified through its manufacturer manual or technical notice, a detailed installation plan and the associated calculation note[2] are required to be provided.

Typically this document shall be provided after the installation to allow the initial commissioning inspection. However, for some areas (i.e. when the structure is sitting on other structure or when the admissible loads on surfaces are limited) the calculation note can be requested in advance in order to validate the loads on the environment. If during the installation the Contractor is obliged to deviate from the initial design, the Plan and final calculation note shall be updated accordingly.

Most of the forecast activities will be performed in the Tokamak Complex Building (Worksite 2) composed by the Building 11 Tokamak Building, the Building 74 Diagnostic Building, the Building 14 Tritium Building and the B15 RF Heat Building.

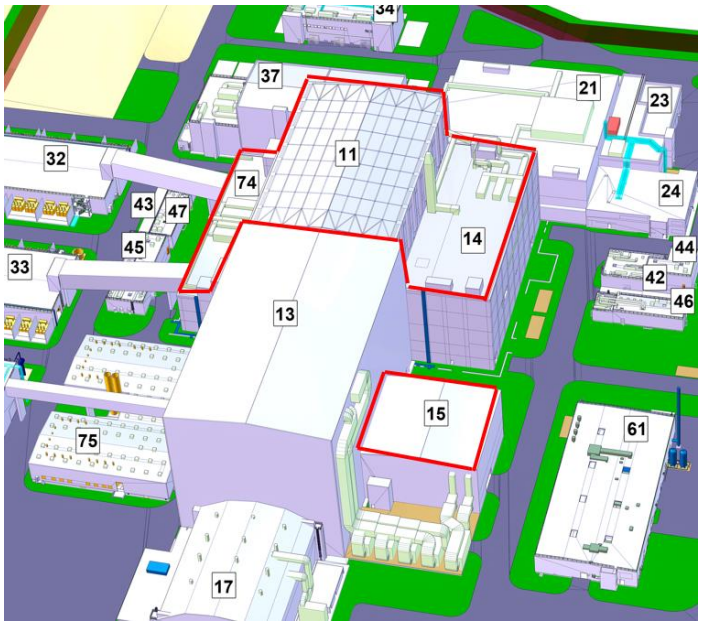

Figure 1 - Worksite 2 Overview

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 called the Open Tender procedure.

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

[1] i.e. the contractor might exceptionally be requested to install, modify or dismantle a structure the same day of the request.
[2] Calculation note shall be in English; details/extracts of the technical notice can be left in another language if authorized by the Contract Responsible Officer.

Step 1- Prior Indicative Notice (PIN):

The Prior Indicative Notice is the first stage of the Open Tender process. The IO formally invites the Domestic Agencies to publish information about the forth-coming tender in order to alert companies, institutions or other entities about the tender opportunity in advance. **Interested tenderers are kindly requested to return the expression of interest form (Annex I) by e-mail to Jeremy.Chil@iter.org copy Guillaume.Retaillaud@iter.org by the date indicated in the procurement timetable below.**

Step 2 - Invitation to Tender (ITT):

After a minimum of 10 working days of the publication of the Prior Indicative Notice (PIN) the Invitation to Tender (ITT) will be advertised on IO website. This stage allows interested bidders who have seen the PIN to obtain the tender documents and to prepare and submit their proposals in accordance with the tender instructions.

Step 3 – Site visit

A Site visit will be planned at ITER site in order to present the project and the expected needs in scaffolding to be delivered for the duration of the contract. The Site visit is mandatory for a candidate which would like to participate to the tender.

Step 4 – Tender Evaluation Process:

Tenderers' proposals will be evaluated by an impartial, competent technical evaluation committee of the ITER Organization. Tenderers must provide details demonstrating their technical compliance to perform the work in line with the technical scope and in accordance with the particular criteria listed in the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Step 5 – Contract award:

A Framework Works Contract will be awarded on the best value for money according to the evaluation criteria and methodology described in the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Procurement Timetable

The tentative timetable is as follows:

Milestone	Date
Publication of the Prior Indicative Notice (PIN)	November 22
Submission of expression of interest form	December 22
Invitation to Tender (ITT) advertisement	December 22
Site visit	January 23
Tender Submission	March 23
Contract Award	July 23
Contract Signature	August 23
Contract Commencement	September 23

5 Contract Execution

The ITER Organization shall award the Framework Contract in the second part of 2023. The resulting Framework Contract will be for an estimated period of 52 months.

The official working language of ITER is English. A fluent professional level is required (spoken and written) for all the management and coordination roles. Site resources shall be capable to communicate and attend on site meetings in French or in English.

6 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 States.

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 ITER Organization.

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 authorized to incur liabilities and receive instructions for and on behalf of each member of the consortium.

It is expected that the designated consortium lead will explain the composition of the consortium members with detailed description/percentage of each company in a covering letter at the tendering stage. Following this, the Candidate's composition must not be modified without notifying the ITER Organization of any changes. Evidence of any such authorization shall be submitted to the IO in due course in the form of a power of attorney signed by legally authorized signatories of all the consortium members.

Annex
Annex I– Expression of Interest Form