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## **PRIOR INDICATIVE NOTICE (PIN)**

### **OPEN TENDER**

IO/23/OT/70000933/JCL

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### **Minor Mechanical works 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 scope of work.

## 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](http://www.iter.org).

## 3 Scope of Work

The present tender process is aiming to set up a Framework Contract to perform minor mechanical works to support the construction and Maintenance/Commissioning activities at ITER Site when required.

The Minor Mechanical works (MMW) Contractor will be responsible for providing State of the art fully adequate and cost optimized solutions and ensure to have suitably qualified personnel with demonstrated skills and experience work on the assigned tasks.

Each orders will have a different scope including piping and/or equipment on temporary or permanent systems, potentially including several or all of the following:

- detailed design/studies,
- prefabrication,
- installation,
- equipment levelling or alignment,
- modifications,
- repairs,
- NDT,
- pressure testing,
- As-built documentation
- and potentially any subsequent tasks induced.

As the different systems of the ITER Project are not driven by the same sets of codes and standards, for each work requests, the Contractor will be provided with the relevant sets of

codes and standards and shall abide to it. The codes to be applied will be international codes and standards including RCCM, ASME, AWS, ASTM, BS, ISO, ANSI, API, DIN, EN...

All equipment, tools and consumables required shall be the responsibility of the Contractor.

#### 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:

##### 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](mailto:Jeremy.Chil@iter.org) , copy [Guillaume.Retailaud@iter.org](mailto:Guillaume.Retailaud@iter.org) by the date indicated in the procurement timetable below.**

##### Step 2 - Invitation to Tender (ITT):

Within the coming weeks 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 the scope of the services 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 services 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 Services Contract will be awarded on the best value for money according to the evaluation criteria and methodology described in the Invitation to Tender (ITT).

#### **Tentative Procurement Timetable**

Milestone	Date
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Publication of the Prior Indicative Notice (PIN)	February 23
Submission of expression of interest form	01 March 23
Invitation to Tender (ITT) advertisement	02 March 23
Site visit	14 March 23
Tender Submission	28 April 23
Contract Award	19 May 23
Contract Signature	26 May 23
Contract Commencement	09 June 23

## 5 Contract Execution

The ITER Organization shall award the Framework Contract in the first part of 2023. The resulting Framework Contract will be for an estimated period of 3 years.

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

Annex II – Technical Specification

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