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PRIOR INDICATIVE NOTICE (PIN)

OPEN TENDER SUMMARY

IO/24/OT/ 10028747 /ADC

for

Procurement of PF5 platform

List of annexes:
- Annex I – Expression of Interest

Abstract

The purpose of this summary is to provide prior notification of the IO's intention to launch a competitive Open Tender process in the coming weeks. This summary provides some basic information about the ITER Organisation, the technical scope for this tender, and details of the tender process for the procurement of an aluminium working floor to be used in pit during the assembly operation.

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 Supply 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.

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 scope of this procurement is the supply of a 360° aluminium working floor to be positioned on top of an IO component called PF5 in order to provide man access and light tools support in pit during assembly phase. The contractor will need to develop the manufacturing design and process to supply this light working floor made of aluminium profiles and panels based on the IO detailed design.

The platform capacity for uniform loading: 250kg/m^2.
In case of isolated loading, the maximum capacity is 150kg on 200*200mm.
Platform estimated weight for 360°: 12t.

The design is made of bolted aluminium profiles and aluminium checker plates. Weight limit for individual parts is set to 20kg to allow transport of the parts by hand in the assembly location.

Background: A first segment of platform was designed and used in pit, some modifications were done to the design to make it compatible with the environment. This new procurement will take into account the feedback of use and updated design to provide a full access on top of the PF5 coil.

Figure 1 Illustration in red where the PF5 platform will be positioned.

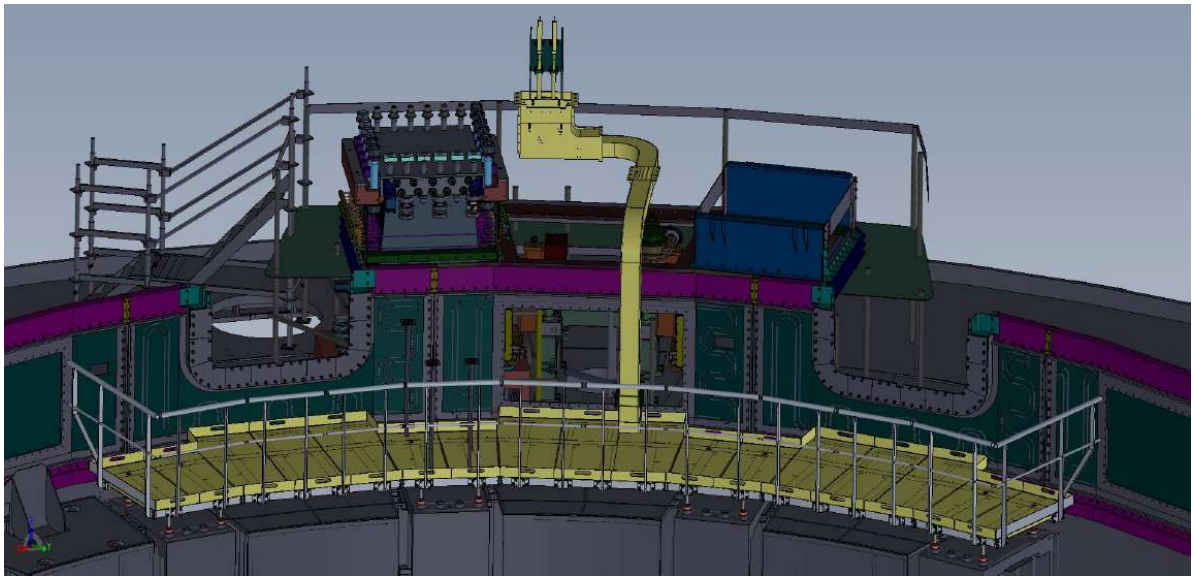

Figure 2 Illustration in yellow of the initial platform (~70°) supplied and used in pit

4 Procurement Process & Objective

The objective is to award a Supply 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 Information Notice (PIN)

  The Prior Information Notice 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" (Annex I) by the date indicated under the procurement timetable.

  Special attention:

  Interested tenderers are kindly requested to register in the IO Ariba e-procurement tool called "iPROC", if they have not already done so. You can find all links to proceed along with instruction going to: https://www.iter.org/fr/proc/overview.

  When registering in iPROC, 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

  After 12 working days of the publication of the PIN, the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be published on our digital tool "iPROC". This stage allows interested bidders who have indicated their interest to the Procurement Officer in charge AND who have registered in iPROC 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 this tool (iPROC) 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 work in line with the technical scope and in accordance with the particular criteria listed in the RFP.

- Step 4 – Contract Award

  A Supply 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)	17/05/2024
Submission of expression of interest form	05/06/2024
Invitation to Tender (ITT) launched on iPROC	06/06/2024
Clarification Questions Deadline	02/07/2024
Clarification Response Deadline	04/07/2024
Tender Submission	18/07/2024
Contract Award	August 2024
Contract Signature, at the latest	October 2024

5 Quality Assurance Requirements

The Contractor should have an ISO 9001 accredited quality system or be able to provide and have approved by the IO a quality plan.

6 Contract Duration and Execution

The ITER Organization shall sign the Supply Contract in October 2024, at the latest. The contract duration shall be 34 weeks.

7 Experience

The candidates shall demonstrate that they have the capabilities to design and manufacture aluminium working floors in full compliance with the applicable standards as well as with the ITER quality and safety requirements.

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 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 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 ITER Organization 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 IPROC.

9 Sub-contracting Rules

All sub-contractors who will be taken on by the Contractor shall be declared with the tender submission in iPROC. 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.