

Info Meeting OMF-1609 – 4 November 2024

Q&As Record

1. Could you summarize the scope of the project to be developed?
 - Please check agenda item number 2 and related presentation which includes scope of supply and schedule, which gave you an overview of the entire framework contract before going into the individual presentations.
 - The scope of the project is design and manufacturing of important systems for the first Assembly phase, and so we have 4 Task Orders: design and manufacturing of the CTM, design and manufacturing of the CMM, design and manufacturing of the cask platform, design and manufacturing of the neutral beam cell top lid opening mechanism.

2. Design maturity 30 or 60%? ... There are already some advanced designs, what do you expect from the applicants? ... There are already many designs/developments made (even control systems), the beginning of the project would be from that design point, or from scratch?
 - It depends on the system. The starting point for the specific contracts will be somewhere between the preliminary design and the final design depending on Task Orders (TOs). If we take the example of the CMM, there is an existing final design of the CMM for the nuclear base. This final design will be modified by F4E into a DAT CMM design that has the reduced functionality required for ITER assembly, this will be the starting point of TO-02. In other cases, e.g. CPD the starting point will be a preliminary design. Thus requiring Final Design development from the Supplier. What we expect from the suppliers will be to take the ownership of the design (modifications to the input designs if substantiated and agreed are allowed), progress it to detailed design and proceed with manufacturing until delivery of the functional system.

3. How many Task Orders planned?
 - The current baseline planning is to have four separate task orders, but it is a framework contract, and additional or different task orders are probable to be launched during the execution of the framework contract.

4. Are the contracts fixed price?

- Yes, the specific contracts are fixed price contracts. However, indexation may be applicable at the level of the framework contract to the unit prices/prices after the second anniversary date of the framework contract.
5. Is the temperature under control during the operations?
- Current knowledge is that temperature will be controlled between 5 and 35°C, this range might be narrowed in the future.
6. Those remote handling systems CMM, CTM and neutral beam remote systems already been competed, what has changed during those times?
- Yes, the nuclear phase systems were the object of earlier competitions, design activities have subsequently been ongoing and extended in time compared to initial plans. The current picture is that ITER implementation is under re-baselining and the need has changed towards the first Assembly systems.
7. Is there a reimbursement for the business case?
- No.
8. It seems that consortia should be already agreed and arranged within Step 1. Being the deadline for Step 1 submission only one month ahead, this seems really challenging... Is our understanding correct? Could you please confirm?
- We understand the question. The call was published 28/10/2024 and Step 1 deadline is 06/12/2024. Note that we are beyond required minimum time to be permitted for preparing the Step 1 submission. Unfortunately, we also have a very tight project schedule, so we are not able to extend the deadline. Accordingly, please apply due diligence in starting the work right away, we again encourage clarifications and questions to be posted on EU Supply and of course the use of the F4E Partnership Tool ([LINK](#)) to either offer yourself as collaborator or seek collaborators.
9. In the selection criteria, availability access to the required facilities is applicable for the tenderer as a whole. If one partner of the consortium has the facility, do we have to demonstrate the successful completion of two projects over the past?

- The wording from the ITT is that if you are relying on a subcontractor, you had to demonstrate that. We need to have some history in terms of the entities working together and here we were thinking more of the subcontractors.
- There is no change needed to the ITT in this regard. This requirement for past collaboration/projects applies **only when a subcontractor** is relied upon to provide this access to required facilities. Accordingly, if these required facilities pertain to one of the group members (partner of the consortium), no past collaboration/projects are required between the group members to fulfil this selection criterion.

10. Why do we have to indicate the overheads for item three other itemized items and not for the other costs? For example, the rate?

- The category 1 (Staff profiles rates) and 2 (Internal facility/equipment costs) are all inclusive to allow to compare the prices between companies with different accounting systems. The category 3 (Other itemized costs) is considered as costs for items bought externally.