

PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE (PIN)

IO/26/OT/10034812/ADC

Service Contract for Welding and NDT Engineer Services

Prior Indicative Notice annexes:

- Annex I: Technical Specification ref. EAWNLA v1.0 dated 30 June 2025
- Annex II: 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 "IO"), the technical scope for this tender, and details of the tender process.

1 Introduction

This Prior Information Notice (PIN) is the first step of an Open Tender Procurement Process leading to the award and execution of a Service 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 supplies the 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 the Package

Please refer to Annex I – Technical Specification ref. EAWNLA v1.0 dated 30 June 2025

4 Procurement Objective & Process

The objective is to award a Service Contract through a competitive bidding process.

The Procurement Procedure selected for this tender is the **Open Tender** procedure.

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

- Step 1 - Prior Information Notice (PIN) - publication on IO web procurement page

The Prior Information Notice is the first stage of the process. The IO formally invites interested candidate companies to indicate their interest in the competitive process by returning to the Procurement Officer the “Expression of Interest” using the template in Annex II via e-mail by the date indicated under the procurement timetable.

Special attention:

Interested candidate companies are kindly requested to promptly register in the IO Ariba e-procurement tool called “IPROC”, if not so done yet. The process on how to do is described at the following link: <https://www.iter.org/fr/proc/overview>.

When registering in Ariba (IPROC), suppliers are kindly requested to register at least one contact person. **The person identified in the Expression of Interest must be registered in IPROC.**

➤ Step 2 - Invitation to Tender

The Request For Proposal (RFP) package will be communicated with the interested candidates via email. The interested candidates will then prepare and submit their proposals in accordance with the tender instructions detailed in the RFP.

➤ 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

The award will be done on the basis of best value for money or lowest price technically compliant offer as described in the published RFP.

5 Procurement Timetable

The tentative timetable is as follows:

Milestone	Date
Publication of the Prior Information Notice (PIN)	09/04/2026
Submission of expression of interest form	23/04/2026
Tender Launching	29/04/2026
Tender Submission	29/05/2026
Tender Evaluation & Contract Award	End of June 2026

6 Experience Requirements

The candidates shall have the experiences and competences described in Annex I.

7 Quality Assurance Requirements

Prior to commencement of any work under this Contract, a “Quality Plan” shall be produced by the Contractor and submitted to the IO for approval, describing how they will implement the ITER Procurement Quality Requirements.

8 Contract Duration and Execution

The estimated award date and Contract signature is end of June 2026. The estimated contract duration is five years including three optional extensions of one year each.

9 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.

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 a covering letter at the tendering stage (the Invitation to Tender). 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.

10 Sub-contracting Rules

Sub-contracting is not allowed. Rules on subcontracting in details will be indicated in the RFP itself.