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PRIOR INDICATIVE NOTICE (PIN)

OPEN TENDER SUMMARY

IO/26/OT/10034488/FMR

For

Procurement of Flanges, Gaskets and fasteners for PBS26 Cooling Water System

Abstract

The purpose of this summary is to provide prior notification of the ITER Organization's 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 Procurement of Flanges, Gaskets and fasteners (and accessories) for PBS26 Cooling Water System.

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.

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 Supply and Services

The scope of this tender to procure flanges, related gaskets, related fasteners (nuts, bolts & washers and pins), blind plates, paddle spacers, and flow restrictors for the CWS project of the ITER plant.

For the full scope of services, please see the attached Technical Specifications, ref. FCGFELS v1.2.

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 a so-called **Open Tender** procedure.

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

- Step 1- Prior Information Notice (PIN)

The PIN 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” by the date indicated in the procurement timetable below.

Special attention:

Interested tenderers are kindly requested to register in the IO Ariba e-procurement tool called “I-PROC”. You can find all links to proceed along with instruction going to: <https://www.iter.org/fr/proc/overview>.

When registering in Ariba (I-PROC), 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 – Request for Proposal (RFP)

After 20 calendar days of the publication of the PIN, the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be published on our digital tool “I-PROC”. This stage allows interested bidders who have indicated their interest to the Procurement Officer in charge AND who have registered in I-PROC 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 the I-PROC tool 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 works in line with the technical scope and in accordance with the particular criteria listed in the RFP.

➤ Step 4 – Contract Award

A Framework Service Contract will be awarded based on Best Value for Money with a sharing of 60% for the technical offer and 40% for the financial offer 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)	3 July 2026
Submission of expression of interest form	13 July 2026
Request for Proposal launched on I-PROC	20 July 2026
Tender Submission	28 August 2026
Contract Award	September 2026
Contract Signature	September 2026

5 Quality Assurance Requirements

The Candidate shall have ISO 9001 (or recognized equivalent) else shall submit to the IO for approval its “Quality Assurance Program” in the Tender Submission for the IO’s review and acceptance. Prior to commencement of any work under this Contract(s), a Quality Plan shall be submitted and approved by the IO.

6 Contract Duration and Execution

The contract duration shall be 80 weeks from Contract signature as follows:

Description	Leadtime
Lot 1	T0+ 20 weeks
Lot 2	T0 +50 weeks
Lot 3	T0 +80 weeks

7 Experience

The tenderer shall demonstrate their ability to manufacture/supply the required flanges, gaskets, fasteners and accessories with suitable production facilities and processes.

The tenderer shall demonstrate that they are able to manufacture/supply flanges, gaskets, fasteners and accessories in accordance with the required codes (e.g. ASME B16.5, ASME B16.20, EN 10204) mentioned in technical specification.

The tenderer shall demonstrate good understanding of the ITER nuclear safety requirements and the French nuclear safety regulation.

.The official language of ITER is English. The candidate shall be able to communicate both orally and in writing in English.

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 IO.

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 IO 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 I-PROC.

9 Sub-contracting Rules

Sub-Contracting is allowed up to 40% of the total Contract value and up to level 1.