

Technical Specifications (In-Cash Procurement)

**IO/22/OT/70000810 - Prior Indicative Notice (PIN) - Paint
Touch up Contract (PTC) for Tokamak Complex
Buildings**

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PRIOR INDICATIVE NOTICE (PIN)

OPEN TENDER

IO/22/OT/70000810/FMR

for

Paint Touch Ups in Tokamak Complex Buildings

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 Organisation, the technical scope for this tender, and details of the tender process for the selection of a Company in charge of performing the Paint Touch ups in the Tokamak Complex Buildings.

1 Introduction

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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 present tender process is primarily aiming to set up a Framework Contract for the paint touch ups on metallic fastening systems casted in concrete elements (walls and slabs) of Tokamak Complex Buildings (TCB) after the welding of systems & equipment supports. These metallic fastening systems are commonly called within the ITER project Embedded Plates (EPs).

The required works shall be considered as finishing activities and shall consist on:

- Preparation of the metallic substrates and touch-up of painting/coating system for approximately 38 000 EPs.
- When necessary, non-structural repairing of the concrete substrate by application of special mortars on superficial cracks or surface cavities (bubbles).
- When necessary, surface preparation and touch ups on concrete substrate in the close vicinity of EPs, of painting/coating system.

Additionally, the Contractor may also be requested during the Contract execution, as Contract Variation, to perform finishing activities within the Tokamak Complex Buildings. These works will include:

- Repairs, surface preparation and application of paints/coating systems on metallic and concrete substrates.

It shall be noted that painting and coating systems for both Contract's base scope or Contract's variations are FNP EDF referenced and will be supplied, transported and stored by the Contractor in charge of the Contract.

The Company's operators in charge of the works for both base scope or Contract variations, shall be qualified as follows:

- For cement substrate, QRB1 and 2 with stratification option when applying PLJ and PLK series coating systems.
- For metallic substrate, ACQPA level 1 and 2. All reception phases, such as controls of surface preparation and thickness controls shall be done by ACQPA level 2 minimum.

The successful Tenderer, shall also be in charge to provide all the lifting, utilities, protection and access means allowing to execute the required works in adequacy with IO requirements and in a safe mode for the Contractor's operators and operators from other Contractors working in the same working area/zone.

4 Procurement Process & Objective

The objective is to award a Frame Work 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 Floriane.moynier@iter.org by the date indicated in the procurement timetable below.**
- Step 2 - Invitation to Tender (ITT) :
Within 10 working days of the publication of the Prior Indicative Notice (PIN) the Invitation to Tender (ITT) will be advertised. 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 – Tender Evaluation Process :
Tenderers' proposals will be evaluated by an impartial, professionally competent technical evaluation committee of the ITER Organization. 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 invitation to tender (ITT).

➤ Step 4 – Contract award :

A Framework service contract will be awarded on the lowest priced technically compliant offer according to the evaluation criteria and methodology described in the Invitation to tender (ITT).

Procurement Timetable

The tentative timetable is as follows:

Milestone	Date
Publication of the Prior Indicative Notice (PIN)	March 22
Submission of expression of interest form	April 22
Invitation to Tender (ITT) advertisement	April 22
Tender Submission	Mid May 22
Contract Award	August 22
Contract Signature	August 22
Contract Commencement	September 22

5 Contract Duration and Execution

The ITER Organization shall award the Framework Contract in the third quarter of 2022. The resulting Framework Contract will be for a period of 70 months.

The working language of ITER is English, and a fluent professional level is required (spoken and written).

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 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 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 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.

Annexes

Annex I– Expression of Interest Form