## 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 Framework Contract(s).

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 forth-coming tender giving companies, institutions or other entities that are capable of providing these services prior notice of the tender details.

# 2 Background

### Ø 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 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

. The registration process is described at the following link:

https://www.iter.org/fr/proc/overview.

When registering in Ariba (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.

### Ø Step 2 – Request for Proposal:

The Request for Proposal will be sent in IPROC to the Tenderers who expressed their interests in

# **Procurement Timetable**

The tentative timetable is as follows:

Milestone	Date	
Publication of the Prior Indicative Notice (PIN)	Week of 10 June 2024	
Submission of expression of interest form	24 June 2024	
Request for Proposal (RFP) publishing on IPROC	Week of 12 July 2024	
Clarification Questions (if any) and Answers	15 days before tender submission deadline	
Answers to Clarifications	10 days before tender submission deadline	

Tender Submission in IPROC

Week of 6 September 2024 Evolution and maintenance of Data Management service including Master Data Management Service;

Evolution and maintenance of Data Analysis Service.

The Contractor proposed solution shall comply and integrate with IO technical context as described in the technical specification for data inputs, CAD environment, data storage, and IT security.

## 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.

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 lead will explain the composition of the consortium members in