

This Prior Indicative Notice (PIN) is the first step of an Open Tender Procurement Process leading to the award and execution of a 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 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.

The scope of this procurement is the design, qualification, manufacturing, and installation of the Thermal Insulation for Cryostat Bellows Interface with the Tokamak Building.

For more details, please refer to Annex II -Technical Summary B9MQPD.

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

The Procurement Procedure selected for this tender is called the _____ procedure.

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

Ø Step 1- Prior Information Notice (PIN)

The Prior Information Notice 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” (Annex I) by the date indicated under the procurement timetable.

Special attention:

Ø Step 2 - Invitation to Tender

After at least 10 working days of the publication of the PIN, the Request for Proposals (RFP) will be published on our digital tool “iPROC”. This stage allows interested bidders who have indicated their interest to the Procurement Officer in charge AND who have registered in iPROC 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.

Ø Step 3 – Tender Evaluation Process

Tenderers proposals will be evaluated by an impartial evaluation committee of the IO. Tenderers

The candidates shall need to demonstrate that they have the capabilities to supply the required goods and services in full compliance with the applicable standards as well as with the ITER quality and safety requirements.

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 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.