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"Development of a Propellant Valve Prototype"

(プロペラントバルブのプロトタイプ開発)

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マイルストーン	暫定日程
事前指示書 (PIN) の発行	2024年7月3日
関心表明フォームの提出	2024年7月13日
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	2024年9月11日(回答〆切)
入札提出(IPROC)	2024年9月20日
入札評価と契約授与	2024年10月
契約調印	2024年11月
契約開始	2024年11月

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PRIOR INFORMATION NOTICE (PIN)

TENDER SUMMARY

IO/24/OT/10029061/JLE

for

Development of a Propellant Valve Prototype

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 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 order to alert companies, institutions or other eligible entities to the forth-coming tender, allowing interested parties time to decide whether to participate in the tender or not.

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 scope of work is to develop a prototype of an eddy current driven valve and adequate power supply to provide a fast gas pressure pulse for launching pellets with the Shattered Pellet Injectors of the ITER DMS. The scope of the service contract is the design, the manufacturing and the testing of the propellant gas valve.

The details can be found in the **Technical Specifications ref. ITER_D_ B5WNG5 v1.2** (attached to this PIN).

4 Procurement Process & Objective

The objective is to award a 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 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" by the date indicated under paragraph 5 below.

Special attention:

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

When registering in Ariba (IPROC), suppliers are kindly requested to nominate at least one contact person. This contact person will be receiving the notification

> Step 2 - Invitation to Tender

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.

Only companies registered in this 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 work in line with the technical scope and in accordance with the particular criteria listed in the RFP.

➤ Step 4 – Contract award.

A contract will be awarded on the basis of best value for money according to the evaluation criteria and methodology described in the RFP.

5 Procurement Timetable

The tentative timetable is as follows:

Milestone	Date	
Publication of the Prior Information Notice (PIN)	3 July 2024	
Submission of expression of interest form	13 July 2024	
Request for Proposals (RFP) publishing on IPROC	Week of 29 July 2024	
Clarification Questions (if any) and Answers	6 Sep 2024 (questions due)	
	11 Sep 2024 (answers due)	
Tender Submission in IPROC	20 September 2024	
Tender Evaluation & Contract Award	October 2024	
Contract Signature	November 2024	
Contract Commencement	November 2024	

6 Quality Assurance Requirements

For the entire duration of the Contract, the Contractors shall hold, and maintain, a valid and relevant ISO 9001 and/or 14001 certification or comparable equivalent. The missions and tasks executed under this Contract shall be carried out in compliance with the IO Quality Requirements.

7 Contract Duration and Execution

The ITER Organization is planning to award the Contract in September of 2024. The estimated contract duration period shall be about 9 months.

8 Experience

The tenderer shall demonstrate their knowledge, experience and capabilities in the implementation of provision of service to the IO in accordance with the IO technical requirements.

Required experience and competencies

Demonstrated experience with design and prototyping of components activated through induced eddy currents, mechanical design of active components, vacuum compatible components and high gas pressure systems.

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

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 its offer. 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.

Any consortium member shall be registered in IPROC.

10 Sub-contracting Rules

All sub-contractors who will be taken on by the Contractor shall be declared with the tender submission in IPROC. Each sub-contractor will be required to complete and sign forms including technical and administrative information which shall be submitted to the IO by the tenderer as part of its tender.

The IO reserves the right to approve (or disapprove) any sub-contractor which was not notified in the tender and request a copy of the sub-contracting agreement between the tenderer and its subcontractor(s). Rules on sub-contracting are indicated in the RFP itself.



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Technical Specifications (In-Cash Procurement)

Technical Specifications for the Development of a Propellant Valve Prototype

The scope of this contract is to develop a prototype of a propellant valve for the ITER DMS. The work comprises the design, manufacturing and testing of fast eddy current driven valve to deliver high pressure gas upon receipt of a trigger.

This is a contract within the DMS Task Force technology activities.

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1 Preamble

This Technical Specification is to be read in combination with the General Management Specification for Service and Supply (GM3S) [1] that constitutes a full part of the technical requirements.

In case of conflict, the content of the Technical Specification supersedes the content of reference [1].

2 Purpose

Purpose of this document is to give the technical specifications for the development, manufacturing and testing of a propellant valve prototype for the ITER DMS.

3 Acronyms & Definitions

3.1 Acronyms

The following acronyms are the main one relevant to this document.

Abbreviation	Description
MTO	Material Take Off
CRO	Contract Responsible Officer
GM3S	General Management Specification for Service and Supply
IO	ITER Organization
PRO	Procurement Responsible Officer

3.2 Definitions

Term	Definition/Abbreviation	
DMS	Disruption Mitigation System	
FAT	Sactory Acceptance Test	
FDR	Final Design Review	
MRR	Manufacturing Readiness Review	
NDT	Non-Destructive Testing	

4 Estimated duration

The estimated duration for the contract is 24 months.

5 Applicable Documents & Codes and standards

5.1 Applicable Documents

It is the responsibility of the Contractor to identify and request for any documents that would not have been transmitted by IO, including the below list of reference documents.

This Technical Specification takes precedence over the referenced documents. In case of conflicting information, it is the responsibility of the Contractor to seek clarification from IO.

Upon notification of any revision of the applicable document transmitted officially to the Contractor, the Contractor shall advise within 4 weeks of any impact on the execution of the contract. Without any response after this period, no impact will be considered.

Ref	Title	IDM Doc ID	Version
1	General Management Specification for Service and Supply (GM3S)	82MXQK	1.4
2	Requirements for Producing a Contractors Release Note	22F52F	5.0
3	Quality Classification Determination	24VQES	5.2
4	ITER Vacuum Handbook 2EZ9UI		2.5
5	ITER Seismic Nuclear Safety Approach	2DRVPE	1.6
6	A. Savtchkov, K.H. Finken, G. Mank, Rev. of Sci. Instr., Vol. 73, Issue 10 (2002), https://doi.org/10.1063/1.1505106 .	-	-

5.2 Applicable Codes and Standards

This is the responsibility of the Contractor to procure the relevant Codes and Standards applicable to that scope of work.

Ref	Title	Doc Ref.	Version
CS1	EN 10204:2005 Metallic products. Types of inspection documents	-	-
CS2	2014/68/EU: Pressure Equipment Directive	-	-

6 Background

ITER is a major new device that is under construction at Cadarache, near Marseille, France. This device will study the potential of controlled nuclear fusion to provide safe, clean and virtually limitless energy for humankind. To protect the machine from the consequences of plasma disruptions during high power operations, a DMS is required.

The current DMS is based on the Shattered Pellet Injection technology. This works on the basic principle of a cryogenic pipe gun:

- a pellet consisting of protium or neon is formed inside a cryogenically cooled section of a pipe (the "barrel"),
- the pellet is kept at low temperature (\sim 5K) being ready to be launched,
- high-pressure hydrogen gas shears off the pellet from the barrel walls and propels it down the barrel and the pellet enters a flight line to travel towards the plasma,
- just before the pellet reaches the plasma, it contacts a strike plate or tube bend (the "shatter chamber") which causes it to shatter.

The high-pressure hydrogen gas is to be delivered by a fast-acting gas valve upon receipt of a trigger request from the central interlock system of ITER. The whole assembly will be installed inside the port cells, where the component will be exposed to ambient magnetic field, radiation and neutron bombardment.

The purpose of this contract is to develop a prototype of an eddy current driven valve and adequate power supply for the ITER DMS. For testing purposes a power supply can be provided by IO if needed.

7 Work description

This section defines the specific scope of work, in addition to the contract execution requirement as defined in [1].

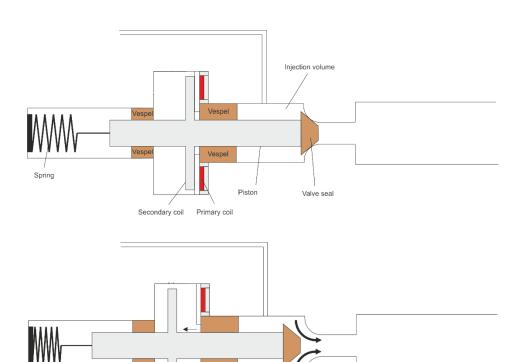
The scope of the service contract is the design, the manufacturing and the testing of the propellant gas valve as detailed in the following sections.

7.1 Task #1

7.1.1 Description

The task #1 is the detailed design of the propellant valve, including a CAD model and a Design Description Document containing the calculations and reasoning behind the design.

The propellant valve shall be an eddy current valve similar to the valves developed at the Forschungszentrum Jülich [6]. These valves have been operated successfully in magnetic fields without shielding and were therefore chosen as propellant valves for the ITER DMS in the port cell environment. The valve must open within 1 ms with a minimal time jitter and must deliver up to 6 barL Hydrogen. The injected amount shall be controllable through the coil voltage and propellant valve pressure.



For task #1, the Contractor shall deliver the following:

- 1. Detailed CAD model of the valve
- 2. Design Description Document of the valve
- 3. FDR

7.1.2 Design Requirements

The valve shall fulfil the following requirements:

•	Opening time	≤ 1 ms
•	Delivered gas amount	\leq 6 barL (adjustable through coil voltage)
•	Operating pressure	≤ 60 bara [CS2]
•	Valve plenum size	250 cm ³
•	Leak rate over valve seal (at all times)	$\leq 1*10^-6 \text{ mbarL/s}$
•	Leak rate to atmosphere (at all times)	$\leq 1*10^-8 \text{ mbarL/s}$
•	Operating voltage	800 V - 1200 V
•	Vacuum class	VQC-1A [4]
•	Quality class	QC-4 [3]
•	Seismic class	SC2 [5]
•	Mean cycles between failures	≥ 10,000

7.1.3 Environmental requirements

The valve shall be able to operate in these ambient conditions without additional shielding:

•	Operating temperature	≤ 50°C
•	Radiation level	$10^6 \mathrm{Gy}$

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• Ambient magnetic field

400 mT

7.1.4 Interface requirements

The valve shall have the following interfaces:

• Nozzle diameter 8 mm

• Barrel interface do = 15 mm, s = 1.5 mm

• Cryostat interface KF flange with do = 190 mm

• Propellant gas inlet ½" female VCR

• Pellet gas inlets 2x ¹/₄" male VCR on KF

• Cold cell electric feed throughs 3x 25pin Sub-D female on KF

Valve size D = 130 mm, L = 180 mm

7.1.5 CAD requirements

The CAD model shall fulfil the following requirements:

- The CAD model shall contain all components that will be present in the actual valve with correct dimensions and materials.
- The CAD model shall be submitted in CATIA or .stp format.

7.1.6 Delivery Time

The maximum expected duration for this task is 4 months, including a simple FDR.

7.2 Task #2

7.2.1 Description

The task #2 is the manufacturing of the propellant valve, including the MRR, the manufacturing drawings and the FAT results.

After successful FDR, the manufacturing drawings have to be prepared and the Factory Acceptance Tests have to be specified. This is then reviewed in the MRR. After successful MRR, the Contractor shall manufacture the valve and perform the FAT.

As part of task #2, the Contractor shall deliver the following:

- 1. Manufacturing Drawings
- 2. FAT specifications
- 3. MRR
- 4. FAT results

7.2.2 FAT Requirements

The FAT shall contain at least the following tests:

- Dimensional Test
- PT of pressurized welds

- Volumetric NDT of pressurized welds
- He Leak test against atmosphere
- Pressure test with pressure ≥ 90 bara

7.2.3 FAT result Requirements

The FAT results shall contain at least the following tests:

- Dimensional Drawing with "As manufactured" values
- PT report of pressurized welds
- Volumetric NDT report of pressurized welds
- He Leak test report
- Pressure test report

7.2.4 Delivery Time

The maximum expected duration for this task is 11 months, including a simple MRR.

7.3 Task #3

7.3.1 Description

The task #3 is the testing of the propellant valve, including functional test, test in magnetic field and cycle test.

Under the scope of the task #3, the Contractor shall deliver the following:

- 1. Test report of the functional test (opening time, valve plate movement, gas release)
- 2. Test report of the magnetic field test (test setup, gas release at different B-fields)
- 3. Test report on the cycle test (1000 cycles, gas release over time, inspection for wear)
- 4. Pellet release test

7.3.2 Functional test Requirements

The functional test shall at least cover the following items

- Opening time of the valve
- Leak rate over the valve seal
- Movement profile of the valve plate
- The amount gas released
- Gas release and supply voltage relation

7.3.3 Magnetic field test Requirements

The magnetic field test shall at least cover the following items

- The amount gas released at different magnetic field strengths
- 100 valve cycles at 400 mT and observation of gas release

7.3.4 Cycle test Requirements

The cycle test shall at least cover the following items

- 1,000 cycles at 60 bar filling pressure without magnetic field
- Leak test over valve seal after cycle test
- Inspection for wear

7.3.5 Pellet release tests

The propellant valve and its power supply shall be shipped to one of the ITER DMS test laboratories (Budapest/Hungary or Grenoble/France). The choice will depend on the actual operation schedule at the time the propellant valve is available for pellet release tests. In the offer the maximum shipping costs shall be included.

The release of protium (H) pellets and neon (Ne) with H shell pellets shall be tested. As target, the H pellet shall achieve velocities of ~ 500 m/s. In addition, the lower range, i.e. gas amount is just enough to release the pellet, and upper range (max operational pressure and opening duration) shall be explored for H and Ne with H-shell pellets.

7.3.6 Delivery Time

The maximum expected duration for this task is 9 months.

7.4 Optional Task #4

7.4.1 Description

A power supply, currently being manufactured for the ITER DMS, for providing a fast voltage discharge to energize the primary coil of the eddy current valve can be provided by IO. In case the power supply is not suitable for the design as proposed by the Contractor, an adequate power supply should be specified and built by the Contractor. The additional costs will be covered by releasing the optional task 4.

8 Location for Scope of Work Execution

The Contractor shall perform the work at their own location.

9 IO Documents & IO Free issue items

No input nor free issue item is expected from IO.

10 List of deliverables

The Contractor shall provide IO with the documents and data required in the application of this technical specification, the GM3S [1] and any other requirement derived from the application of the contract.

You can find here below a minimum list of documents, but not limited to, that are required within the expected timing:

#	Task	Deliverable / Technical Design Family	Detailed description	Due date in months (T0+x)*
D1		Design Description	Propellant valve Design	T0+3
	T1	Document	Description Document	
D2		Report	FDR Report	T0+4
D3		Drawings Manufacturing drawings		T0+6
D4	Report FAT specifications		T0+6	
D5	12	Report MRR Report		T0+8
D6	Report FAT results		FAT results	T0+15
D7		Report	Functional test results	T0+18
D8	Т3	Report Magnetic field test results		T0+21
D9		Report	Cycle test results	T0+24

^(*) T0 = Commencement date of the contract; X in months.

Contractor shall prepare their document schedule based on the above and using the template available in the GM3S [1] appendix II (click here to download).

11 Quality Assurance requirements

The Quality class under this contract is QC-4 and the GM3S section 7 [1] applies in line with the defined Quality Class.

12 Safety requirements

No specific safety requirement related to PIC components apply.

12.1 Pressure Equipment

The propellant valve is pressure equipment under [CS2]. The design has to be made accordingly, the necessary NDT and marking has to be done and the testing at pressure has to be performed with the necessary safety precautions in place.

12.2 Seismic class

The valve is seismic class SC2. The design must show through analysis that it can withstand the accelerations ($X = 62.8 \text{ m/s}^2$, $Y = 141.6 \text{ m/s}^2$, $Z = 178 \text{ m/s}^2$).

13 Specific General Management requirements

Requirement for GM3S section 6 [1] applies completed/amended with the below specific requirements:

13.1 Contract Gates

In addition to the contract gates as defined in [1] section 6.1.5, the scope of work call for Contract gates (FDR, MRR) as defined in section 7 of this document.

13.2 Meeting Schedule

The Contractor shall organize regular videoconferences in agreement with IO to present the progress.

13.3 CAD design requirements

This contract requires for CAD activities and GM3S section 6.2.2.2 [1] applies.

ANNEX I

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST & PIN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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