



Call for study launched by SNETP in the frame of the SNETPFORWARD Project

Subject: Invitation to proposal of studies '<-TITLE>'

Dear Madam/Sir,

SNETP, referred below as the contracting authority, is planning to award the contract resulting from the below procurement procedure.

Article 1. Object and scope of the procurement

Title: <-TITLE>

Type of contract: services

Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system:

Short description: <DESCRIPTION IN 1 OR 2 LINES>

Estimated total value: <VALUE> EUR

Description of the procurement: <HALF PAGE DESCRIPTION>

Duration in months: <DURATION OF CONTRACT IN WEEKS OR MONTHS>

The maximum duration of the project is 6 months

This contract is subject to renewal: <YES/NO>

Article 2. SNETP presentation

The Sustainable Nuclear Energy Technology Platform (SNETP) was launched in 2007 and is recognized by the European Commission as an European Technological and Industrial Platform (ETIP) within the SET Plan (European Technology and Innovation Platform). With the objective to represent the nuclear fission related technologies under a unique legal entity, SNETP is an international non-profit association under Belgian law since 2019.

The SNETP Association gathers today 3 pillars, NUGENIA (Nuclear Generation II & III technologies), ESNII (European Sustainable Nuclear Industry Initiative) and NC2I (Nuclear Cogeneration Initiative).

Article 3. Awarding procedure

3.1. Submission of proposal: Economic operators interested in this contract are invited to submit a proposal in English via email (studies.snetp@snetp.eu) indicating as object: **SNETPFORWARD Call for Study – Proposal**



Within the scope of this proposal, the economic operators should be a legal entity with an office in EU Member States and third countries associated to the EC Programme. Please note that if these criteria are not met, the proposal will not be submitted to the evaluation phase.

Please note that it is not possible to submit a proposal after the time-limit for receipt.

3.2. Documents expected: it is expected for all candidates, with no consideration of the amount of the proposal, two documents:

- One document considered as the technical document; and
- a second one presenting the budget on one page (following the excel template provided).

3.3. <FOR PROPOSAL OF STUDIES UNDER €25.000>

The submission must respect a 5-pages limit (technical document).

After the deadline, all submissions will be reviewed by 2 independent anonymous reviewers from the SNETP Scientific and Industrial Innovation Committee. The reviewers shall provide transparent feedback on all proposals. SNETP reserves the right to request additional information or clarification on the proposal submitted.

Proposals submitted outside the time limit, exceeding the budget limit, or exceeding the page limit provided in this invitation are not eligible for review and award.

3.4. <FOR PROPOSAL OF STUDIES ABOVE €25.000>

The submission must respect a 10-pages limit (technical document).

After the deadline, all submissions will be reviewed by 3 independent anonymous reviewers from the SNETP Scientific and Industrial Innovation Committee member organization. The reviewers shall provide transparent feedback on all proposals. SNETP reserves the right to request additional information or clarification on the proposal submitted.

Proposals submitted outside the time limit, exceeding the budget limit, or exceeding the page limit provided in this invitation are not eligible for review and award.

The maximum amount for proposal of studies is €30.000

Article 4. Legal effects of this invitation

This invitation of proposal is in no way binding on the contracting authority. The contracting authority's contractual obligation will begin only when the contract with the successful candidate is signed by both parties.

Until the signature of the contract, the contracting authority may cancel the procurement procedure without the candidates being entitled to claim any compensation. In case of cancellation of the procurement, the decision will be substantiated, and candidates will be properly notified.

This Call is not subject to the provisions of the EU and national legislations on public procurement.

Article 5. Opening of proposals

5.1. Presentation: Candidates can be invited to attend a virtual session describing the main objectives of the study. One representative per candidate will be allowed.



5.2. **Questions and answers:** During the opening of the call for study, questions can be sent to studies.snetp@snetp.eu indicating as object: **SNETP FORWARD Call for Study – Questions**

Article 6. Funding: the selected proposal will receive 30% as pre-funding to start the study.

Article 7. Evaluation phase (after the opening of proposals)

7.1. Except in duly justified cases, candidates who have failed to submit evidence or to make statements as required in the procurement documents, shall be contacted by the contracting authority to provide the missing information or clarify supporting documents.

7.2. Evaluation will take place based on three criteria, i.e. excellence, management and capacity, and requested budget. For each criterion, the candidate can receive a score between 1 and 5.

- Excellence:
 - Clarity and pertinence of the work description.
 - Response to the study goals
 - Soundness of the proposed methodology, including if applicable the underlying concepts, models, and assumptions.
- Management and capacity:
 - Quality and effectiveness of the work plan, time plan, assessment of risks, and appropriateness of the effort assigned to work packages, and the resources overall.
- Requested Budget: following the Excel template provided
 - Proposal with the better cost-effectiveness will receive the highest score.

Be aware that the Horizon Europe funding rules applies (ie. eligible costs,...)

The following scores will be awarded:

- Equal scores if difference with highest proposal is within 10% of study budget
- 1 point separate score if difference is between 10 and 20% of study budget
- 2 point separate score if difference is between 20 and 40% of study budget
- 3 point separate score if difference is between 40 and 70% of study budget
- 4 point separate score if difference is between 70 and 100% of study budget

7.3. The scores per criterion will be averaged by the reviewers and rounded off with 1 decimal and subsequently summed up over the three criteria. The threshold for individual criteria will be 3. The overall threshold, applying to the sum of the three individual scores, will be 10. All criteria will have the same weight.

7.4. Proposals that pass the individual threshold AND the overall threshold will be considered for funding. Other proposals will be rejected.

7.5. If no candidate can be selected based on the above thresholds, SNETP will follow the below procedure:

- In case of equal scores, the score on excellence will be decisive. In case there is still no decision, the score on price will be decisive.
- In case this also leads to no decision, the coordinator of the SNETP Scientific and Industrial Innovation Committee together with the independent reviewers may decide to further prioritize by considering the other following factors related to the objectives of the call:
 - Alignment with the SNETP strategy
 - Overlapping with studies already existing



These factors will be documented in the review report and motivated accordingly

Article 8. Award phase

Based on the above criteria selection, candidates will be notified of the outcome of this procurement procedure by e-mail.

Only one project per topic will be funded.

Article 9. Type of procedure:

This call for study is an open call to all EU Member States and third countries associated to the EC Programme.

Applications must be submitted online within the deadlines set out in this document.

Article 10. Time limit for receipt of proposals or requests to participate:

Date: 15th October 2023

Brussels time: 17:00