

Expression of Interest

Supply of Offshore Geotechnical Services

Package ID: 1.06.03_Offshore Geotech

Star of the South is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from companies with capability and capacity to:

Supply offshore geotechnical services to survey the Star of the South Project area off the coast of Gippsland, Victoria, including vessel supply, lab testing and reporting. The geotechnical investigation required is approximately 10 to 30km off the coast in approximately 10 to 50m water depth.

About Star of the South

Star of the South is Australia's first offshore wind project, proposed to be located off the coast of Gippsland in Victoria. It would harness strong Bass Strait winds to power Victorian homes and create a new industry with local jobs. The project involves up to 200 turbines in the sea, generating electricity from offshore wind and connecting via underground cables to the Latrobe Valley. Star of the South has been in development for several years and is in the feasibility phase with environmental assessments underway to support planning and approvals.

Package Description

Below is a high-level summary of the preliminary geotechnical service requirements:

- Supply vessel to complete soil sampling and in-situ testing with maximum depth of 70m below seafloor.
- Geotechnical and Geo-Environmental laboratory testing, undertaken by organisations with applicable NATA accreditation.
- Assistance with obtaining permits and approvals from relevant authorities.

Timing

The successful company will be required to meet the following indicative timeframes:

EOI closure date	12 th November 2021
Invitation to Tender release	Week commencing 22 nd November 2021
Invitation to Tender close	Week commencing 13 th December 2021
Negotiations with preferred supplier(s)	Week commencing 17 th January 2022
Contract award	Week commencing 7 th March 2022
Site mobilisation	Q2 2022
Reporting complete	Q3 2022

EOI Submissions

EOI should be submitted to the Contact listed below by the Closure Date and include the following information (no more than 5 pages).

1. Current ICN profile.
2. Company details including:
 - Company name and ABN (if Australian)
 - Address of head office
 - Address of any Australian subsidiaries which may be involved in scope delivery (if applicable)
 - Key contact details (name, e-mail, and phone number)
 - Identifying if indigenous owned and provide evidence of registration with Supply Nation, Kinaway or another relevant organisation (if applicable).
3. The company's capability statement including the ability to meet the project requirements (as listed above) within the applicable quality standards and ability to meet the proposed timing.
4. Vessel options and availability to meet the proposed timing (or suggest alternative timing).

5. The proposed work would require relevant quality and environmental procedures and standards, that encompass:
 - a. Quality Management (third party accredited to AS/NZS/ISO 9001).
 - b. Environmental Management (third party accredited to AS/NZS/ISO 14001).
 - c. Health and Safety (third party accredited to AS 4801 and OHSAS 18001).
6. A summary of key personnel and their relevant experience.
7. Please provide confirmation that you hold appropriate levels of insurance coverage for the provision of the works as listed above (minimum requirement: Public Liability \$20,000,000 for any single occurrence and Professional Indemnity \$10,000,000 for any single occurrence).
8. An outline of potential local (ie Gippsland / Victoria / Australia) collaboration opportunities (if applicable).
9. An outline of potential opportunities for the Gunaikurnai Traditional Owner group www.gunaikurnai.org , other indigenous companies, and social enterprises.

Closure Date

EOI registrations close on 12th of November, 2021 at 5pm AEST.

Terms

This EOI is an invitation to treat and must not be construed, interpreted, or relied upon, whether expressly or impliedly, as an offer capable of acceptance by any person, or as creating any form of legal rights.

Companies selected to participate in the tender process will be required to enter into a Non-Disclosure Agreement and be subject to the Star of the South pre-qualification process.

Participation in any stage of the EOI process, or in relation to any matter concerning the EOI, is at the Respondents' sole risk and cost and Star of the South is under no obligation to continue any tender process with the Company.

No document, communication, representation or conduct provided, made or engaged in by or on behalf of Star of the South will create any contractual or other legal relationship between it and any Company for the performance of the works.

Contact

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