RULES OF REQUEST
n°B26-03471-AB

Laser Induced Firing Tool

Deadline for submitting offer: 2th October 2026 before 12h00 AM

These consultation rules in English are provided for information purposes only. In the event of any inconsistency or error of interpretation, the French version shall prevail.

ARTICLE 1 - PURPOSE

The purpose of these consultation rules is to define the conditions for consultation relating to the supply of Laser Induced Firing Tool equipment.

The bidder selected at the end of the procedure for the services defined in these rules will be awarded a contract by the CEA.

In the absence of separate services, it cannot be subject to allotment.

ARTICLE 2 - DOCUMENTS APPLICABLES A LA CONSULTATION

This procedure is governed, in descending order of priority, by the following documents:
- The Safety requirements and their appendices (corresponding reference documents);
- The specific provisions set out in these consultation rules;
- The technical requirements and their appendices (specifications referenced DTS/CDC/2025/008 dated 11/09/2026, plans, etc.);
- The draft contract referenced B26-03471-TZ;
- The rules applicable to External Companies (contractors or subcontractors), index A and the internal regulations;
- The CEA's General Terms and Conditions of Purchase (GTCP) (January 2022 edition);
- Normative documents (standards, unified technical documents, etc.);

The bidder expressly acknowledges having read and accepted these documents.
The bidder's general terms and conditions of sale, except those resulting from mandatory legal provisions, are not enforceable against the CEA in any form whatsoever.

The CEA's General Terms and Conditions of Purchase (January 2022 edition) can be sent to bidders upon request.

The following appendices form an integral part of these consultation rules:
- Appendix 1: Dematerialization of the procedure
- Appendix 2: Rules applicable to External Companies (contract holders or subcontractors) unified technical documents, etc.);
- Appendix 3: Application for the approval of a subcontractor;
- Appendix 4: Price and Environmental bid.

3.1 - Procédure

3.1.1 - General information

The procedure adopted is an adapted open procedure.

By participating in this consultation, candidates fully accept this procedure.

Your company will not be entitled to any compensation for the studies and various costs incurred in preparing the bid.

Without incurring any liability, the CEA reserves the right to:
- declare the consultation unsuccessful if it has not received any bids or has only received bids that are irregular, unacceptable, or inappropriate within the meaning of Articles L2152-2 to L2152-4 of the Public Procurement Code,
- not proceed with the consultation,
- not to proceed with the project after reviewing the bids, the confidentiality of which it guarantees in all circumstances.

The CEA reserves the right to make minor changes to the consultation documents no later than six (6) days before the deadline for submitting bids.

Bidders must then respond on the basis of the amended consultation file, without being able to raise any claims in this regard.

If, during the review of the file by the bidders, the deadline for submitting bids is postponed, the above provision shall apply in accordance with the new date.

The terms and conditions for the performance of the CEA contract and the various applicable provisions are set out in a draft contract attached to the consultation file. This draft, the financial provisions of which are to be specified, corresponds to the document that will be proposed for signature by the successful bidder, subject to minor modifications to finalize the contract.

3.1.1 - Temporary joint venture

In the case of a temporary consortium of companies, it may be joint or several.
If the consortium is joint, the representative must be jointly and severally liable with its co-contractors.

It is prohibited to submit multiple applications:
- as an individual candidate and as a member of one or more consortia:
- as a member of several consortia.

3.1.2 - Variants

Bidders are required to submit a bid that complies with the Request for Proposals (basic bid).
The CEA does not allow variants to be submitted in addition to the basic bid.

3.2 - Questions from bidders

Any questions from bidders must be submitted in writing and sent via the CEA's electronic procurement platform (PLACE) no later than ten (10) days before the deadline for submitting bids.
The CEA's electronic procurement platform can be accessed at the following URL:
https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr
The procedures to be followed are set out in Appendix 1 to these consultation rules.

All bidders will receive a written response from the CEA.

3.3 - Pricing conditions

The prices offered will be established based on the economic conditions prevailing in the month in which the bid is submitted and in accordance with the provisions contained in the draft contract attached to this consultation document.

The prices include all the conditions set out in the documents referred to in Article 2 of these consultation rules.

3.4 - Subcontracting

Bidders are informed that any activity they entrust to a subcontractor, after obtaining the express prior written consent of the CEA, may not be subcontracted by the subcontractor, unless an exceptional exemption is granted by the CEA.

If the bidder plans to subcontract part of the service, they must disclose the identity and address of their subcontractor(s) and the nature of the subcontracted parts in their bid. Subcontractors may also be declared during the performance of the contract. Subcontracting shall be carried out in accordance with Law 75-1334 of December 31, 1975, as amended.

The CEA reserves the right to request disclosure of the subcontract(s) and/or to refuse to accept a proposed subcontractor(s).

Bidders must contact the CEA's commercial correspondent, Contracts and Procurement Department, to obtain the subcontractor acceptance request form.

3.5 - Confidentiality

Confidentiality obligations are governed by Article 11 of the CEA's General Terms and Conditions of Purchase.

The companies consulted must not use or transmit information obtained from this consultation to third parties for any purpose other than responding to this consultation.

The bidder undertakes never to communicate or publish in France or abroad, without the prior written authorization of the CEA, the results of studies in which its employees have participated, or any information of any kind that they may have become aware of during this consultation, in particular information relating to Facilities Classified for Environmental Protection (ICPE).

The bidder must specify which information contained in its bid is confidential. It must specify the use that may be made of such information, the duration of the confidentiality obligation, the persons bound by secrecy, and the persons to whom the information must not be disclosed.

3.6 - Validity of offers

Offers remain valid for a period of four months from their submission deadline.

3.7 - Use of the CEA's dematerialization platform (PLACE)

The terms and conditions for using the electronic platform are set out in Appendix 1 to these consultation rules.

ARTICLE 4 - SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS AND BIDS

4.1 - Application file

If a complete application file has already been submitted to CEA Grenoble as part of a previous procedure during the current year, only the DC1 form (or equivalent) is required to apply, provided that the reference number of the previous procedure is specified and that the documents are still valid. Form DC1 (or equivalent) must be completed, if necessary, with new documents and/or those to be updated.

The application file must include the following items:

- Form DC1 (Letter of application and authorization of the representative by its co-contractors) or a letter of application signed by a person authorized to commit the applicant or authorizing the representative of a group to represent the group, accompanied by a sworn statement containing all the information requested on page 3 of this form.
- Form DC2 (Declaration by the individual candidate or member of the consortium) (or equivalent).

These forms are available on the following website: http://www.economie.gouv.fr/daj/formulaires-marches-publics or a European Single Procurement Document (ESPD) available at https://ec.europa.eu/tools/espd/filter?lang=fr

- Where the company is part of a group, a certificate attesting to its commercial autonomy and its competitive position in relation to other companies within the group.

Economic and financial capacity:

- Statement concerning the candidate's overall turnover and, where applicable, the turnover of the area of activity covered by the public contract, covering a maximum of the last three financial years

available depending on the date of creation of the company or the start of activity of the economic operator, insofar as information on these turnovers is available;

- Balance sheets or extracts from balance sheets for the last three years for economic operators for whom the preparation of balance sheets is mandatory by law.

If, for a justified reason, the economic operator is unable to provide the requested information and documents, it is authorized to prove its economic and financial capacity by any other means.

Technical and professional capacity:

- A list of work carried out over the last five years, accompanied by certificates of satisfactory execution for the most important work. These certificates shall indicate the amount, date, and place of execution of the work and specify whether it was carried out in accordance with best practice and completed satisfactorily;
- A list of the main deliveries made or services provided over the last three years, indicating the amount, date, and public or private recipient. Deliveries and services shall be proven by certificates from the recipient or, failing that, by a declaration from the economic operator;
- A description of the tools, materials, and technical equipment that the candidate will have at its disposal for the performance of the public contract;
- Samples, descriptions, or photographs of the supplies;

In the case of a temporary consortium of companies, all members must provide the information requested above.

Subcontracting: If the candidate uses subcontractors, it must produce the same documents concerning those subcontractors. In addition, to prove that it has the subcontractors' capacity to perform the contract, the candidate must produce a written commitment from those subcontractors.

4.2 - "Offer" file:

The bid file must include the following items:

4.2.1 - Administrative offer:

- Valid civil and professional insurance certificates.

- The draft contract (FRENCH) and specifications as contractual documents, duly initialled and signed, attesting to the bidder's acceptance of their terms.

- For each of the proposed subcontractors, the bidder must indicate in its bid the amount and nature of the services it intends to subcontract.

Documents to be submitted at a later stage (at the contract award stage):
- Certificates and attestations issued by the relevant authorities and bodies proving that the candidate has fulfilled their tax and social security obligations, or equivalent documents in the case of foreign candidates, dated within the last six months.

4.2.2 - Technical offer:

The technical proposal must include at least the following points:

- All equipment specifications in accordance with the requirements of the specifications.
- The completion/manufacturing and/or delivery time for the equipment.
- The start-up time from the date of delivery to the CEA Grenoble site.
- A description of the training courses offered (content, duration of the various modules, etc.).
- The warranties offered in accordance with the above-mentioned administrative provisions.
- All the characteristics with the requirements of the specifications.
- A technical proposal detailing the maintenance contracts (preventive, corrective, and full service) that you can offer at the end of the equipment warranty period.

4.2.3 - Environmental Offer:

The bidder **must** present an **environmental proposal** in accordance with the details requested in Annex 3 of this regulation.

This proposal may include, without being exhaustive:

- Elements relating to the bidder's environmental approach or policy, including, where applicable, certifications or frameworks applied;
- Actions or best practices implemented regarding design, reparability, and durability;
- Measures adopted to reduce the environmental impact related to packaging, delivery, or logistics;
- A guide to enable optimized, sustainable, and eco-responsible use of the Equipment.

We draw your attention to the fact that your price must also include the provision in French of all documentation related to the installed materials (user manual, maintenance manual, safety instructions, etc.).

4.2.4 - Commercial offer:

A commercial offer with fixed, all-inclusive prices detailing:

- The price of the equipment broken down as follows:
  - The detailed price of the equipment - FCA (Incoterms ICC 2020),
  - Optionally, the price of transport, including insurance, according to DAP CEA Grenoble terms (Incoterms ICC 2020 Convention)

- The bidder must indicate the approximate weight and volume of the equipment and whether it requires special transport precautions (air cushion).

- If the equipment comes from a third country outside the European Union, the bidder must indicate the customs nomenclature number of the equipment (HS code).

- As a guide, the cost of maintenance contracts offered after the warranty period. The bidder must detail and compare the different annual contracts including different types of maintenance (preventive, corrective, and full service).

ARTICLE 5 - SUBMISSION OF BIDS AND APPLICATIONS

5.1 - Deadline for submission of applications and bids

Bidders' files, including their application and bid, must be submitted no later than **Friday, November 2, 2026, before 12 noon** (deadline).

Any applications received after this date will be automatically rejected.

5.2 - Form of submission of application and bids

5.2.1 - Electronic version

Bidders may submit their proposals via the electronic platform for CEA contracting procedures, which can be accessed via the following URL: https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr

The applicable provisions are included in appendix 1 of these rules on requests for proposals.

Bidders should respect the formalism for the presentation of proposals and application files indicated in paragraphs 3.1 and 3.2 of this Annex 1.

If a proposal is submitted via CEA's electronic platform for requests for proposals, it is specified that the proposal (in .ZIP format) must not exceed 200 Mb after ZIP compressing.

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f the applicant opts for electronic submission, a back-up copy of the documents submitted electronically can also be sent, in parallel, either as a hard copy or on a physical electronic support medium.
The back-up copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope with the following clear indication: "Back-up copy".

This copy must be sent before the deadline for the submission of applications and proposals to the following address:

(Purchasing and Contractual Department)
17, avenue des Martyrs
38054 GRENOBLE Cedex 09 (FRANCE)
To the attention of Thomas ZEMERLI

The back-up copy shall be opened:
- if malware is detected in the applications or proposals submitted electronically.
- if the applications and proposals submitted electronically are not received in time or could not be opened by CEA (providing that the back-up copy is received before the submission deadline).

ARTICLE 6 - VERIFICATION APPLICATIONS AND EVALUATION OF BIDS

6.1 - Verification

The CEA will verify that candidates meet the above conditions for participation.

6.2 - Criteria of bids selection

The bidder's offer will be analyzed according to the following weighted selection criteria:

- Equipment price: 50%
- Quality and relevance of the argumentation concerning all technical choices enabling the specifications to be met: 20%
- Size and ergonomics (loading and ease of use): 20%
- Appropriateness of the measures developed to reduce the impact of the proposed solution’s electricity consumption[1]: 10%

To this end, the bidder shall ensure that the points relating to these criteria are clearly specified and/or elaborated upon in their bid.

Nota : It is specified that the CEA reserves the right to negotiate or not to negotiate bids after they have been submitted in response to this consultation.

The CEA reserves the right to invite bidders to provide additional explanations regarding their bids.

[1] The assessment of this criterion will be based on the data provided in appendix 4 (environmental section)

ARTICLE 7 - DOCUMENTS ON COMPLIANCE WITH TAX AND SOCIAL REGULATIONS, TO BE PROVIDED BY THE CONTRACTOR

The company selected by CEA may only be awarded the Contract after providing the following prior to signing the contract and within the period indicated by CEA:

- The documents listed in articles D.8222-5 (co-contractor based in France) or D.8222-7 and D.8222-8 (co-contractor based abroad) of the French Labour code, which must be produced every six months until the completion of the performance of the contract;
- Certificates issued by the competent authorities and bodies, proving that it has satisfied its tax and social obligations (Order of 22 March 2019 establishing the list of taxes, contributions or social contributions giving rise to the issue of certificates for the award of public contracts).

Should the selected company fail to produce these documents within the stipulated timeframe, the proposal shall be rejected without any other formality.

ARTICLE 8 - COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For any clarification and/or additional information, bidders are requested to use the CEA's electronic procurement platform (PLACE).

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This consultation is being monitored by: https://www.marches-publics.gouv.fr

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ARTICLE 9 - MONITORING SUPPLIERS

To monitor its suppliers, CEA has an evaluation tool related to the execution of its contracts. In this context, CEA may be led to carry out audits and/or to request corrective action plans from its suppliers.

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