

Market Alert #9: New RFP – Feasibility Study of Essential Technologies for Internal Reactor Pressure Vessel Investigation

U.S. Commercial Service's Market Alert service provides U.S. firms with some important developments and notably new Request For Proposals (RFP) on remediation and decommissioning projects that are to take place in Fukushima.

The International Research Institute for Nuclear Decommissioning (IRID) is responsible for undertaking Japan's national projects for supporting the technology development for Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management of TEPCO's Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Station (NPS); the organization is committed to gather information from Japan as well as from abroad.

Japan's most imminent task is to establish technology required for internal investigation of the reactor pressure vessel (RPV) at Fukushima Daiichi NPS. Recently, as a part of the subsidy program of "Project of Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management (Development of Investigation Technologies for the inside of the Reactor Pressure Vessel)" in FY 2013, the IRID has announced a new RFP for 2 feasibility studies:

Project name: **"Feasibility Study of Essential Technologies for Internal RPV Investigation"**

- (1) Feasibility Study (F/S) of Transfer Technology for Internal RPV Investigation
- (2) Feasibility Study (F/S) of Supporting Technology for Internal RPV Investigation

Application Period: Friday, September 5, to Friday, October 3, at 5:00 p.m. (Japan Standard Time). The contract date will be around the middle of November, 2014.

Contractual Amount: 5,000,000 to 9,000,000 Japanese Yen at maximum per contract.

Some general aspects of the project are as follows:

1. Both domestic and international organization and a consortium are allowed to apply for the project. In case of consortium, please appoint a representative entity.
2. Organization or a consortium can submit proposals on one or both F/S.
3. Proposals shall be written in Japanese or English.
4. Contracts shall be made for the concerned project between organization or a consortium and IRID.
5. The intellectual property rights acquired in the concerned project shall belong to IRID.
6. The results obtained in the concerned project shall be entitled to be used and applied for the Decommissioning and Contaminated Water Management at Fukushima Daiichi NPS without compensation.
7. The document or information submitted shall be shared by the IRID partners including domestic nuclear reactor plant manufacturers.
8. Respondents shall respond to requests of IRID and/or questions regarding the contents of the proposal.

Announcement, Guideline of RFP, Application Forms, and Application Guidelines (Technical Specifications) of RFP has been published [here](#).

CS Japan is ready to assist U.S. firms who wish to submit the proposals by offering counseling on the proposal process and providing assistance in finding appropriate partners, locating necessary language support and engineering expertise, and contacting government officials who are engaged in the RFP.

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