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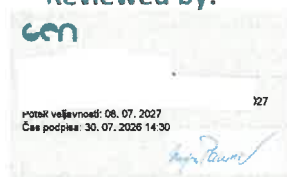
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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

BIS	Bid Invitation Specification
CAPEX	Capital Expenditure
ESC	Engineering Service Contract
FBO	Final Binding Offer
FEED	Front End Engineering Design
FID	Final Investment Decision
IAEA	International Atomic Energy Agency
JEK2	Second unit of Nuclear Power Plant Krško
KAs	Key Areas
NDA	Non-Disclosure Agreement
NPP	Nuclear Power Plant
NSP	National Spatial Planning
OPEX	Operating Expenditure
PQMM	Project and Quality Management Manual
ZVISJV-1	Zakon o varstvu pred ionizirajočimi sevanji in jedrski varnosti (Ionising Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act)

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS

Advisor	Technical, Financial and Commercial Advisor (Contractor). The Advisor shall be a specialized consulting company comprising a multidisciplinary team of experts with proven international experience in nuclear new-build projects.
Bidder	Bidder for JEK2 technology
Contractor	Awarded company who will sign the contract for this specific project activity (i.e. Advisory Services for JEK2 Procurement Process)
Final Tender	Bid Invitation Specification (BIS) Documentation for JEK2 NPP for second phase of JEK2 procurement process (to receive a final detailed JEK2 bid)
Framework Agreement	A contract between a contracting authority (GEN) and an Advisor establishing the terms governing the award of specific public contracts over a defined period, in particular with regard to prices and other essential contractual conditions. Individual Work Orders are subsequently awarded under the framework agreement in accordance with their terms and conditions.
Initial Tender	Bid Invitation Specification (BIS) Documentation for JEK2 NPP for first phase of JEK2 procurement process (to select the Preferred Bidder)
JEK2 procurement process	All procurement activities and processes related to JEK2 project

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Legal Advisor	A separated advisor for legal matters (not subject of this Technical Specification)
Owner	GEN or Contracting Authority
Preferred Bidder	Bidder selected in the first phase of JEK2 procurement process (Preferred nuclear technology supplier for JEK2)
Services	Advisory services for this project activity
Vendor(s)	Supplier(s) of nuclear technology for JEK2
Work Orders	Specific assignments ordered within the Framework Agreement. For each Work Order a separate contract will be signed between GEN and Advisor

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1 INTRODUCTION

The proposed Krško Nuclear Power Plant unit 2 (JEK2) will be a single PWR unit with an electrical output between 1100 MWe and 1650 MWe. The JEK2 project is currently in the siting phase for the power plant and all associated facilities and infrastructures (roads, switchyard, high voltage lines, sewage, water pipes ...). On February 17, 2026, the Government of the Republic of Slovenia issued a decision to commence the preparation of the National Spatial Plan (NSP) for the JEK2 project. In parallel with the spatial planning process, GEN will carry out a tender for a preferred nuclear technology bidder. The selection of the nuclear technology supplier and the technology design will also be crucial for the completion of the NSP procedure. The procurement process for JEK2 project is expected to be conducted in two phases (see Figure 1 in Chapter 3.1). In the first phase, a preferred nuclear technology bidder will be selected. In the second phase, a new request for proposal will be sent to the preferred nuclear technology bidder to submit a detailed final bid. The final bid will then serve as the basis for the Final Investment Decision (FID).

The procurement process described herein reflects the current planning assumptions of GEN. It may be subject to change due to external factors, including decisions by relevant national or EU authorities and institutions involved in the oversight or approval of the procurement process. Therefore, this advisory service also includes all activities within procurement process for JEK2, including the negotiation and alignment of the technical and commercial terms, that the Owner requires to conclude a contract with one of the technology suppliers.

2 PURPOSE

The purpose of this document is to define the Technical Specifications for Advisory services for JEK2 procurement process.

The Advisor shall complement GEN's internal capabilities by providing specialized expertise, international experience from comparable nuclear new-build projects, and an independent perspective during the preparation of procurement documentation, bid evaluation, negotiations and contract finalization.

The scope of the Bid Invitation Specification (BIS) is complex and requires expertise in technical, commercial, procurement, legal, and administrative areas. Furthermore, the evaluation of bids and the negotiations with JEK2 suppliers will also be complex and demanding.

The purpose of this Technical Specification is to select an experienced Advisor who will provide independent technical, commercial, financial, procurement and project management support to Owner throughout the procurement process for the JEK2 project, which, in addition to the procurement process, also includes other activities required by the Owner to conclude the contract with the technology supplier.

3 SCOPE

The substantive part of this project activity will primarily cover the technical, commercial and financial aspects. The scope of the project activity covers the following four key areas (KAs):

- KA 1 - Preparation of the JEK2 Tender documentation,

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- KA 2 - Evaluation of the bids received from prospective Bidders,
- KA 3 - Support to the Owner during the negotiations with the potential Vendors, and
- KA 4 – Other activities related to concluding a contract with one of the technology suppliers.

The Advisor shall perform the activities assigned under individual Work Orders issued pursuant to the Framework Agreement. The scope of each Work Order may vary depending on the stage of the procurement process and GEN's requirements.

The scope of work under this Framework Agreement may include also other advisory services related to JEK2 procurement process. A detailed scope of advisory services has not yet been defined, as not all relevant details are currently known (see also Chapter 5). The exact scope of technical, commercial and financial advisory services will be defined in individual Work Orders issued subsequently after the Framework Agreement between Owner and Advisor has been signed. Individual Working Orders shall be issued in accordance with the progress and development of the JEK2 procurement process.

The subject of the first Work Order will be to prepare and submit Project and Quality Management Manual (PQMM) (see Chapter 7).

General responsibilities of the Advisor throughout the procurement process shall be to perform the following activities but not limited to:

- provide independent professional advisory services to GEN;
- ensure that all recommendations are objective, technically justified and properly documented;
- Identify and assess, and provide recommendations for mitigations of technical, commercial and project risks;
- support transparent, auditable and traceable decision-making;
- cooperate with GEN and the Legal Advisor.

3.1 Preparation of the JEK2 Tender documentation

The procurement process for JEK2 is expected to be conducted in two phases (see Figure 1). In the first phase an Initial tender will be prepared to select the preferred bidder. In the second phase, based on additional engineering activities (Engineering Services Contract - ESC), a Final tender will be prepared and the preferred bidder will be invited to submit a final detailed bid.

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Figure 1: Expected JEK2 two-Phase Vendor selection process

GEN is currently preparing the JEK2 Tender documentation for the first phase of the procurement process (Initial Tender), which is expected to be structured into the following main chapters:

- Invitation Letter
- Part A: Administrative Instructions
- Part B: General Project Information
- Part C: Scope of Supply and Services
- Part D: Requirements and Bid Evaluation Criteria
- Part E: National Participation and Technology Transfer
- Part F: Project Implementation
- Draft Contract: Terms and Conditions

As part of preparing the JEK2 Initial Tender documentation, GEN and the Vendors will conduct a series of workshops to clarify open issues beforehand. The goal of these workshops is to prepare high-quality JEK2 Tender documentation and minimize potential issues in both the JEK2 Tender documentation itself and the bids. The Advisor shall also be invited to participate in these workshops. Some of the workshops will be organized in Slovenia, while others will be conducted remotely via MS Teams. It should be noted that the structure of JEK2 Tender documentation is not considered final and may be changed if needed. The Advisor shall actively support the preparation and execution of workshops, including the preparation of agendas, technical presentations, the identification of open issues, and the documentation of conclusions and follow-up actions.

For each chapter, the Advisor's scope of work and specific responsibilities are defined below.

3.1.1 Invitation Letter

GEN will prepare a draft of the chapter content, which will be reviewed in detail by the Advisor. The Advisor may propose changes and improvements, as necessary.

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3.1.2 Part A: Administrative Instructions

GEN will prepare a draft of the chapter content, which will be reviewed in detail by the Advisor. The Advisor may propose changes and improvements, as necessary to ensure clear framework and procedural roadmap.

3.1.3 Part B: General Project Information

GEN will prepare a draft of the chapter content, which will be reviewed in detail by the Advisor. The Advisor may propose changes and improvements, as necessary. Part B has the following index:

- 1 PROJECT DESCRIPTION
 - 1.1 Nuclear power Programme in Slovenia
 - 1.2 Plant information
 - 1.3 Time Schedule and Implementation date
 - 1.4 Management of the Project
 - 1.5 Scope of Supply and Services
- 2 SITE INFORMATION DATA
 - 2.1 General Site Information
 - 2.2 Geography and Topography
 - 2.3 Geology, geotechnical and seismic site parameters
 - 2.4 Hydrology
 - 2.5 Meteorology
 - 2.6 Demography, land use and access to the site
 - 2.7 Industrial and Military Infrastructure in the Vicinity
 - 2.8 Potential Natural and Human-induced Hazards
 - 2.9 Radiation Situation at the Site
 - 2.10 Plot plan
 - 2.11 Construction Areas
 - 2.12 Permanent Occupation Site Area
 - 2.13 Deep Excavations and Constructability
 - 2.14 Transportation of Heavy Equipment
 - 2.15 Cogeneration
 - 2.16 Cooling system and Ultimate Heat Sink
 - 2.17 Water Treatment
 - 2.18 Radioactive Waste
 - 2.19 Other Site Information
 - 2.20 Codes, Standards and Requirements
- 3 ELECTRICAL GRID SYSTEM
 - 3.1 Description of the Slovenian Electrical System
 - 3.2 JEK2 Connection to the Electrical Grid System
 - 3.3 400 kV and 110 kV Switchyard

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- 4 NATIONAL INFRASTRUCTURES
 - 4.1 Nuclear Activities and National Participation
 - 4.2 National Resources
 - 4.3 Owner Resources
 - 4.4 Scientific and Technological Infrastructure
- 5 LEGAL FRAMEWORK
 - 5.1 Description of siting and permitting process
 - 5.2 Key stakeholders in siting and permitting process
 - 5.3 Site permitting
 - 5.4 Integral Construction Licence
 - 5.5 Nuclear Licensing
 - 5.6 Applicable Regulation for JEK2 Project
- 6 APPLICABLE CODES AND STANDARDS
 - 6.1 Codes, standards, regulations and guides
 - 6.2 European Legal Framework (Euratom)

The Advisor is expected to carefully review a draft of Part B and proposed improvements and/or supplements.

3.1.4 Part C: Scope of Supply and Services

GEN and the Advisor will collaborate in preparing the chapter. The Advisor will conduct a detailed review of the chapter and propose any necessary changes and improvements.

3.1.5 Part D: Requirements and Bid Evaluation Criteria

GEN and the Advisor will collaborate in preparing the chapter. The Advisor will conduct a detailed review of the chapter and propose any necessary changes and improvements.

3.1.6 Part E: National Participation and Technology Transfer

GEN and the Advisor will collaborate in preparing the chapter. The Advisor will conduct a detailed review of the chapter and propose any necessary changes and improvements.

3.1.7 Part F: Project Implementation

GEN and the Advisor will collaborate in preparing the chapter. The Advisor will conduct a detailed review of the chapter and propose any necessary changes and improvements.

Preferred Bidder Engineering Service Contract (ESC)

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Following selection of the Preferred Bidder, GEN intends to enter into a separate Engineering Service Contract (ESC) with the Preferred Bidder in order to support project maturation prior to the execution of the main Contract.

The ESC phase will commence as soon as practicable following the selection of the Preferred Bidder and is expected to continue until:

- submission of the Final Binding Offer (FBO),
- completion of commercial and contractual negotiations,
- achievement of the required level of technical and licensing maturity,
- and readiness for execution of the EPC Contract.

The purpose of the ESC phase is to progressively develop and validate the project execution basis, including technical, licensing, commercial, schedule, risk, constructability, supply chain, and organizational aspects of the Project.

The Advisor for the JEK2 procurement process is expected to review and advise on the requirements for ESC as well as evaluate bid related to ESC.

3.1.8 Draft Contract: Terms and Conditions

This chapter falls under the responsibility of the Legal Advisor¹. The Advisor will support the Legal Advisor, primarily with regard to content related to the technical aspects and, in certain cases, also on the commercial part of the contract.

3.1.9 Overview of Advisor's role

The expected role of the Advisor is presented in the Table below. It should be noted that the Advisor's role is not yet fully defined and may be subject to change during the requests for Work Orders.

BIS chapter	Initial preparation	Advisor role
Invitation letter	GEN	Review
Part A: Administrative Instructions	GEN	Review
Part B: General Project Information	GEN	Review

¹ The legal advisor will be selected under a separate contract.

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Part C: Scope of Supply and Services	GEN + Advisor	Collaborate / Review
Part D: Requirements and Evaluation Criteria	GEN + Advisor	Collaborate / Review
Part E: National Participation and Technology Transfer	GEN + Advisor	Collaborate / Review
Part F: Project Implementation	GEN + Advisor	Collaborate / Review
Draft Contract: Terms and Conditions	External legal advisor	Support on technical and some commercial related topics

In addition to the above Table, there will be dedicated workshops organized with both Vendors (EDF and Westinghouse). The purpose of the workshops will be to discuss specific topics important for BIS preparation. These workshops are meant as a technical dialogue with both potential Bidders. The Advisor is also expected to be an active participant in these workshops, which will be held during the preparation of the BIS. There will be 6 to 8 workshops with each of the Vendor (half on Teams and half on face-to-face meetings in Slovenia).

3.2 Evaluation of the bids

The Advisor shall provide comprehensive professional support to GEN in the evaluation of bids submitted in response to the JEK2 tender. Two (2) bids are expected (one from EDF and one from Westinghouse).

The scope of services shall include, but not be limited to, the following activities:

3.2.1 Establishment and Validation of the Evaluation Framework

- Review and, where necessary, refine the evaluation methodology and scoring system in accordance with the criteria defined in Part D (Requirements and Bid Evaluation Criteria).
- Ensure consistency, transparency, traceability and auditability of the evaluation process.

3.2.2 Administrative and Compliance Review

- Support the verification of each bid's administrative compliance.
- Assess completeness of submitted documentation.
- Identify deviations, reservations and conditionalities.
- Prepare clarification requests for bidders if required.

3.2.3 Technical Evaluation

- Perform a detailed technical assessment of the proposed technology and scope of supply.
- Analyze compliance with technical specifications, safety requirements, licensing framework and site conditions.

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- Identify technical risks, design deviations and potential implementation challenges.
- Support benchmarking between bidders.

3.2.4 Commercial and Financial Evaluation

- Analyze CAPEX, OPEX and lifecycle cost components, applying a relevant discount rate.
- Assess pricing structure, escalation mechanisms and risk allocation.
- Evaluate financing assumptions (if applicable).
- Support sensitivity and scenario analysis.

3.2.5 Risk Assessment

- Identify technical, commercial, regulatory and schedule risks associated with each bid.
- Support the preparation of a comparative risk profile for each bidder and quantifying risks identified.
- Assess bankability-related aspects (if required).

3.2.6 Reporting and Recommendations

- Prepare structured evaluation reports for each phase.
- Support preparation of consolidated comparison reports.
- Provide reasoned recommendations for the selection of the preferred bidder.
- Ensure documentation suitable for the GEN internal decision making processes and potential government review.

The deliverables shall include evaluation matrices, clarification requests, interim reports, a final evaluation report, and decision-support documentation.

3.3 Negotiations with the Bidders

The Advisor shall support GEN in the preparation and conduct of negotiations with the bidders in accordance with the applicable procurement procedure. The JEK2 procurement process is described in previous sections (see Figure 1). Several tenders (Initial, ESC and Final) will take place during the JEK2 procurement process. The Advisor is expected to support GEN during all related negotiations. The Advisor will need to take on the role of lead negotiator for the technical, commercial and financial aspects of the negotiations.

The scope of services shall include:

3.3.1 Preparation of the Negotiation Strategy

- Develop a structured negotiation strategy.
- Identify key negotiation topics (technical, commercial, contractual, schedule-related).
- Define negotiation priorities and fallback positions.
- Prepare negotiation briefing materials for GEN.

3.3.2 Technical and Commercial Clarifications

- Support technical clarification meetings.

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- Assess proposed modifications and design optimisations.
- Analyze the impact of proposed changes on plant efficiency, cost, schedule, safety and licensing.
- Support cost optimisation discussions.

3.3.3 Contractual Support

- Support negotiations related to risk allocation, guarantees, liabilities, warranties and performance criteria.
- Assist in reviewing revised contractual drafts.
- Coordinate inputs between technical, commercial and legal streams.

3.3.4 Financial and Risk Adjustments

- Evaluate revised financial offers.
- Assess impact of negotiated changes on total project cost and risk exposure.
- Update comparative assessments accordingly.

3.3.5 Documentation and Traceability

- Prepare minutes of negotiation meetings, if required.
- Maintain negotiation logs and issue tracking lists.
- Ensure transparency and auditability of the negotiation process.

3.3.6 Final Recommendation

- Support preparation of the final negotiation report.
- Provide comparative analysis of final offers.
- Support confirmation of the preferred supplier as basis for the Final Investment Decision (FID).

4 Project deliverables

The required deliverables shall be specified by the Contracting Authority in each individual Purchase Order. The scope, content, level of detail, format and submission schedule of the deliverables will depend on the specific assignment (Work Order) and the stage of the JEK2 procurement process.

5 Contractor's technical approach

The technical specifications have been prepared as a basis for the conclusion of a framework agreement in accordance with the Public Procurement Act. The technical specifications define the anticipated scope of services for the Advisor, while the more detailed assignments will be subject to subsequent Work Orders, which will precisely define the content of each individual assignment. By entering into the framework

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agreement, the Contracting Authority does not undertake to order any specific quantity of services, as the required quantity cannot be objectively determined at the time of the public procurement procedure. However, the Contracting Authority undertakes that, should it order services covered by this public procurement, such services will be ordered in the manner specified in the framework agreement.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to terminate the public procurement procedure at any time.

When preparing the bid for the framework agreement, the Advisor shall specify the hourly rates applicable to the different Advisor profiles.

6 Information to be provided by GEN

GEN shall provide all the referenced documents and Reports that are needed for the successful completion of the Scope of Work defined in Chapter 3. In addition, GEN shall provide to the Contractor all available input data at its disposal and which is necessary for the timely production of reports. Information that is freely and publicly available is not required to be provided by GEN.

Please note that some references are in Slovenian and shall be translated to the level of understanding by the Contractor and at the Contractor's own expense.

7 Project and Quality management

The Advisor shall provide the following documents to GEN, to describe project and quality requirement fulfillment according to the scope of services performed by Advisor for the Procurement process up to finished final bidding phase:

- Project and Quality Management Manual (PQMM)

The PQMM shall be submitted within the request of the first Work Order after the Framework Agreement is signed. The document shall be maintained throughout the performance of the Services and updated whenever required due to changes in scope, organization, interfaces, methodology, applicable requirements or project risks.

The Services shall comply according to Regulatory and IAEA expectations and best Engineering Practices. Services shall also be commensurate with the nuclear safety significance, complexity, and contractual importance of the JEK2 project. The Services shall be performed with the level of skill, care, and diligence expected of an experienced advisor engaged on major international nuclear EPC projects.

The Services shall be performed in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements, IAEA Safety Standards and internationally recognised nuclear industry good practices, including, as applicable:

- Applicable Slovenian legislation and regulatory requirements (ZVISJV-1, including "Pravilnik o dejavnih sevalne in jedrske varnosti / Rules on radiation and nuclear safety factors"),
- IAEA Safety Standards (including GSR Part 2 and applicable guidance),
- ASME NQA-1,

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- ISO 9001 and ISO 19443 (or equivalent nuclear-specific QMS standards),
- The best international practices for nuclear new build and EPC procurement.

As for the BIS preparation, bid evaluation and contracting process, the Advisor shall take into account, as applicable, the following IAEA guidance:

- Invitation and Evaluation of Bids for Nuclear Power Plants, IAEA NG-T-3.9,
- Nuclear Reactor Technology Assessment for Near Term Deployment, IAEA NR-T-1.10 rev. 1.

8 Schedule management

Individual activities will be initiated in accordance with the contracting authority's requirements. Each activity will be subject to a separate contract. The implementation of the framework agreement is directly linked to the duration of the tender procedure for the JEK2 project. Therefore, the framework agreement will be concluded for a period of 24 months, with the possibility of successive extensions for additional 12-month periods until the completion of the tender procedure for the JEK2 project, up to a maximum total duration of 96 months.

Detailed project schedule will be prepared within each individual Work Order.

9 Status reports

The Contractor is required to submit monthly Status Reports for the project.

The Status Reports shall include project overview and progress, issues, risk and change management (open issues - identification of any key issues requiring resolution, open risks, open change requests) and action plan. The Status Reports shall be prepared, numerated and submitted as defined in Project and Quality Management Manual (PQMM), which will be requested in the first Work Order (see Chapter 7).

10 Deliverable documentation technical requirements

The Contractor is obliged to deliver all documents in Preliminary form and after GEN's approval, as final documents. All documents and reports shall be delivered electronically (Email, ftp) in MS Office format. Final deliverable has to be delivered in MS Office format and Acrobat pdf format.

The Contractor shall establish and apply a systematic document identification, numbering, version/revision control and status tracking system for all deliverables and supporting documentation. This system, including naming conventions, approval status, revision history and document register requirements, shall be defined in the Project and Quality Management Manual (PQMM) and maintained throughout the Services (see Chapter 7).

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The working language of the project is English.

The Contractor is also obliged to deliver all additional documentation which was used as a reference for the final reports.

11 Project organization

Project organization is as follows:

Responsible Project Manager		

Project Engineer - Technology		

Project Engineer - Finance		

The Contractor shall define its project organization, including key roles, responsibilities, authorities and interfaces with GEN. The communication arrangements, reporting lines, meeting structure and document exchange process shall be described in detail in the Project and Quality Management Manual (PQMM), which will be requested in the first Work Order (see Chapter 7).

12 Contract and subcontract work

When the Bid is accepted, the Contractor shall not subcontract any portion of the work without the written approval of GEN. Only Subcontractors already specified in the bid are considered to be approved directly.

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13 Proprietary information

When the Contractor receives documents or data including propriety information from GEN, he shall bind himself to the protection of the documents or data of propriety information by signing a non-disclosure agreement specifying the list of provided documents.

The Contractor shall, by signing the project work performance contract, bind himself to safeguard all the data provided to him by GEN during the performance of the work and beyond defined by the contract as propriety information and intellectual property.

The Contractor will be required to enter into an NDA with GEN and/or the nuclear power plant technology providers.