

Invitation to Tender

Gasket Cutter

REF: BIGTP030

1 Background/Introduction

RAM Gasket Solutions is a manufacturer of gaskets and seals, supplying into many industries and countries all over the world. We have extensive experience of working with companies and engineers to solve sealing problems, and to supply parts that meet exact specifications. We manufacture standard cut gaskets, and custom gaskets and seals, for a wide variety of conditions and environments.

We have expert knowledge of gasket materials, design, and manufacture. We have worked with companies across many different industries to solve problems related to gasket design, function, and supply. We manufacture cut gaskets to all standard flanges, bore sizes, and tables. We can also supply custom and bespoke gaskets to any dimensions and in any gasket material. The only limitations on what we can make are: that the material be flexible; and that the part is of an achievable tolerance.

We are wishing to purchase a machine capable of cutting up to 50mm in thickness.

The purchase of this system is part of a grant funded application process and therefore procurement will be subject to grant approval of the project as a whole. We will compare tenders received on a compliance basis only.

2. Specification

- 2.1 Minimum useful cutting area of 1550 x 1550mm
- 2.2 Minimum of a 2-toolhead with servo controlled vertical axis stroke
- 2.3 Minimum 2.4Kw electric milling chuck with air cooling
- 2.4 1.0mm Pneumatic chuck
- 2.5 Tooling chucks must be interchangeable with existing stock chuck capacity.
- 2.6 Vacuum table which can be divided into 310mm sectors for maximum efficiency.
- 2.7 Vacuum pump power, with a minimum 3KW and maximum 11KW

- 2.8 WINDOW's based control software for interactive/automatic nesting of parts.
- 2.9 DXF converter and enabled to work with CuteCad/String software
- 2.10 Shape Editor for parametric design of round gasket flanges.
- 2.11 Data files/settings must be able to be backed up to our server
- 2.12 The system offered must be capable of integrating with the current production line machines comprising FlashCut FC30208 and FC301569 including interchanging of chucks.
- 2.13 12 month warranty on parts and labour
- 2.14 Delivery to our site Unit 35 & 36, Cardrew Industrial Estate, Redruth TR15 1SZ
- 2.15 Factory Acceptance Test to include full onsite testing and setting to work

Tenderers should complete a Compliancy Matric (Enclosure 1)

3 ITT Timetable

The anticipated timetable for submission of the tender and commission milestones are set out below:

Activity	Date
Date ITT available on Contracts Finder	10 July 2020
Last date for raising queries	20 July 2020
Last date for clarifications to queries	22 July 2020
Deadline to return ITT	27 July 2020
Evaluation of ITT	28 July 2020
Award of Contract	This is subject to successfully obtaining grant funding and will normally be no later than

	90 days from contract evaluation
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4 Conflicts of Interest

Please provide a statement with regards to a conflict of interest for this procurement through the provision of either:

A Declaration that to your knowledge there is no conflict of interest between your company and the RAM Gasket Solutions that is likely to influence the outcome of this procurement either directly or indirectly through financial, economic or other personal interest which might be perceived to compromise their impartiality and independence in the contexts of this procurement procedure.

Or

A Declaration that there is a likely conflict of interest between your company and RAM Gasket Solutions that is likely to influence the outcome of this procurement either directly or indirectly through financial, economic or other personal interest which might be perceived to compromise their impartiality and independence in the contexts of this procurement procedure, please provide details of this connection.

This will permit RAM Gasket Solutions, that in the event of a conflict of interest, appropriate steps are taken to ensure that the evaluation of any submission will be undertaken by an independent and impartial party.

Exclusion

RAM Gasket Solutions shall exclude applicants from participation in this procurement procedure where they have established or are otherwise aware that the applicant, to include administrative, management or supervisory staff that have powers of representation, decision or control of the applicants company, has been the subject of a conviction by final judgment of one of the following reasons:-

- Participation in a criminal organisation

- Corruption

- Fraud

- Terrorist offences or offences linked to terrorist activities

- Money laundering or terrorist financing

Child labour and other forms of trafficking in human beings

5 Consortium or sub-contracting

Where a consortium or sub-contracting approach is proposed, all information requested should be given in respect of the proposed prime contractor or consortium leader. Relevant information should also be provided in respect of consortium members or sub-contractors who will play a significant (greater than 25%) role in the delivery of the services under any ensuing Contract.

6 Tender Application Requirements

Please provide paper copies of your application which should include:

1. Confirmation that **you the supplier** are able to meet the requirements outlined in the brief above.
2. **Dated** your response, used our company's full postal address (albeit you submission might be by email) and included the **Reference: BIGTP030**
3. Details of who to **contact** in your company in relation to this tender
4. **Company registration Number and VAT number (if appropriate)**
5. Total cost of providing the goods/services requested in Section 2
6. Tender Scoring Criteria. The tender will be scored only on their compliance to the specification set out in section 2 and awarded to the lowest compliant tender.

7 Tender Returns

Tenders may be returned by email or post, or by delivery in person.

Tenders are to be returned by:-

Latest date to be returned: 27 July 2020

Latest time to be returned: 5.00 pm

If submitting by **email**, tenders should be sent electronically to mailbox@ramgaskets.co.uk with the following message **clearly noted in the Subject box**; 'Gasket Cutter REF: BIGTP030'

Tenderers are advised to request an acknowledgement of receipt when submitting by email.

If submitting by post or in person, the Tender must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, only marked as follows:-

Tender - Strictly Confidential – 'Gasket Cutter'

Contract Reference Number: BIGTP030

Addressed to:

John Hicks

Unit 35 & 36

Cardrew Industrial Estate,

Redruth

TR15 1SZ

The envelope should not give any indication to the Tenderer's identity. Marking by the carrier will not disqualify the tender.

If delivery **by hand** please obtain an official Receipt at point of delivery

8 Clarification

There will not be any negotiations of any of the substantive terms of the Tender Documents. Only clarification queries will be answered. Any clarification queries arising from the Tender Documents which may have a bearing on the offer should be raised as soon as possible in writing. The deadline for clarification questions is 20 July 2020.

All e-mailed queries should be sent to:-

Name: John Hicks

E-mail: mailbox@ramgaskets.co.uk

No representation by way of explanation or otherwise to persons or corporations tendering or desirous of tendering as to the meaning of the tender, Contract or other Tender Documents or as to any other matter or thing to be done under the proposed contract shall bind us unless such representation is in writing and duly signed by John Hicks of RAM Gasket Solutions. All such correspondence shall be returned with the Tender Documents and shall form part of the Contract.

Tenderers must provide a single point of contact in their organisation for all contact between the Tenderer and RAM Gasket Solutions Responses to any queries will be shared through Contracts Finder website

9 Disclaimer

The issue of this documentation does not commit RAM Gasket Solutions to award any contract pursuant to the bid process or enter into a contractual relationship with any provider of the service. Nothing in the documentation or in any other communications made between RAM Gasket Solutions or its agents and any other party, or any part thereof, shall be taken as constituting a contract, agreement or representation between RAM Gasket Solutions and any other party (save for a formal award of contract made in writing by or on behalf of RAM Gasket Solutions).

Bidders must obtain for themselves, at their own responsibility and expense, all information necessary for the preparation of their tender responses. Information supplied to bidders by RAM Gasket Solutions or any information contained in RAM Gasket Solutions' publications are supplied only for general guidance in the preparation of the tender response. Bidders must satisfy themselves by their own investigations as to the accuracy of any such information and no responsibility is accepted by RAM Gasket Solutions for any loss or damage of whatever kind and howsoever caused arising from the use by bidders of such information.

Bidders shall be responsible for their own costs and expenses in connection with or arising out of their response. RAM Gasket Solutions reserves the right to vary or change all or any part of the basis of the procedures for the procurement process at any time or not to proceed with the proposed procurement at all.

Cancellation of the procurement process (at any time) under any circumstances will not render RAM Gasket Solutions liable for any costs or expenses incurred by bidders during the procurement process.

Enclosures:

1. Compliancy Matrix