



PRESS RELEASE

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PALLAS calls for tenders for design and construction management of the reactor

This week, the Foundation Preparation PALLAS reactor (PALLAS) took a significant step in its search for a designer for the PALLAS reactor by issuing an Invitation to Tender (ITT).

Three pre-qualified designers – the Argentinian INVAP, the French Areva and the South Korean Kaeri - can now, after a series of intense dialogues, proceed to the next stage of the formal procurement process of the design and construction management of the new reactor.

The PALLAS-reactor is a pool-type reactor, which is able to deploy its neutron flux more efficiently and effectively than the current High Flux Reactor. The most important feature of the PALLAS-reactor is its operational flexibility. The core of the reactor can be set up very flexibly for production of various (new) medical isotopes and hence respond to changing markets.

Bidding parties will need to return their proposals to PALLAS in a few months from now, with the contract to be awarded in the third quarter of 2017.

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PALLAS in brief

The Foundation Preparation PALLAS-reactor (PALLAS) aims to realise a state-of-the art multifunctional facility which is suitable for producing (medical) isotopes and for supplying a wide range of irradiation services. This reactor is to replace the current High Flux Reactor (HFR) in Petten (NL).

PALLAS was founded on December 16, 2013 with the purpose to prepare a design, to obtain the necessary licenses and to assure that there are private resources available (phase 1) for the construction and commissioning (phase 2) of the PALLAS-reactor.

For the first phase the Dutch government has granted a loan of 80 million euros. The design, construction and commissioning combined will take about ten years. The lifetime of the new reactor is at least forty years.