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Planning

STEP Whole Programme Cost Estimate – Independent Assurance

UK Industrial Fusion Solutions Ltd

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Scope

Reference

PP-UKIFS-175

Description

In Q4 2026, the STEP Programme has a requirement to issue their first Whole Programme Cost Estimate to Government. In order to comply with IPA (now NISTA) cost estimating requirements and the guidance of the AQuA Book, this cost estimate must be independently reviewed and assured.

UKIFS is seeking to appoint an external party to perform the necessary independent verification and validation (V&V) activities of the Whole Programme Cost Estimate, to support the submission to Government. The consultant will be expected to comment on the validity and accuracy of the cost estimate, identify any concerns and areas of future work, and provide a V&V statement in-line with the outcome of the analysis.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Abingdon:-Project-and-design-preparation%2C-estimation-of-costs./768XNG85C4>

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Total value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 28 September 2026
- 3 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71242000 - Project and design preparation, estimation of costs
- 71244000 - Calculation of costs, monitoring of costs

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

23 January 2026

Engagement process description

Please return the questionnaire included within the tenderbox completed with your answers. Clarification questions will be accepted until 16th January.

Contracting authority

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