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## **UKRI-4681 Construction Partner for Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)**

UK Research & Innovation

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

UK Research & Innovation

Science & Technology Facilities Council, Polaris House, North Star Avenue

Swindon

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STFC Procurement

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK14 - Swindon

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ukri.org](http://www.ukri.org)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

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**Section II: Object****II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-4681 Construction Partner for Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC)

Reference number

UKRI-4681

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 45000000 - Construction work

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Works

**II.1.4) Short description**

The purpose of this Prior Information Notice (PIN) is to inform the market of a potential opportunity to participate in a construction partnership. STFC intends to engage with potential providers through a Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) event and subsequent PME activities. The publication of this early engagement opportunity is a voluntary publication and does not represent a commitment by STFC to initiate, run or complete a full procurement competition in relation to a contract for the services described. STFC is a world-leading research and innovation organisation, with a unique role within UK Research and Innovation (UKRI). UKRI is a non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Science, Innovation and Technology (DSIT). STFC are looking to establish a construction partnership to deliver its proposed estate transformation programme. This is a national contract, covering STFC's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory and The Cosener's House, Oxfordshire, Chilbolton Observatory, Stockbridge, Daresbury Laboratory, Warrington, The Royal Observatory Edinburgh, and Boulby Underground Laboratory, Cleveland.

**II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £800,000,000

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

**II.2) Description****II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

**II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

STFC have identified an investment programme to address backlog maintenance, future growth and decarbonisation of its buildings and infrastructure. The programme is national, valued at approximately £120m per year and is expected to span around 15 years. The exact investment value and programme details will be confirmed. The contracting partner would be assessed on agreed Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and overall performance to secure subsequent schemes within the programme. The contract will not include exclusivity. STFC is seeking to engage a single partner, under a New Engineering Contract (NEC), to lead the construction delivery programme. This programme will consist of multiple national projects running concurrently. The construction projects will range from simple shell-and-core buildings to complex scientific facilities. The programme will also include infrastructure upgrades and reinforcements. UKRI- STFC will be holding two Supplier Engagement Sessions at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory site on the following dates: 17 March 2025 and 20 March 2025. The sessions will last no more than 3 hours and a maximum of two attendees from each supplier organisation to register for the sessions (start time to be approximately 10am on 17 March and 1:30pm on 20 March, and will be confirmed). Suppliers will have the opportunity to confirm which Engagement Session they will be able to attend (the same information shall be presented on each day). To book onto the Supplier Engagement Session, please submit the names, email addresses, contact phone numbers, vehicle registrations and preferred date to attend to the following email address: [STFCprocurement@ukri.org](mailto:STFCprocurement@ukri.org). Please confirm your attendance no later than 12pm (noon) on 7 March 2025. Please ensure you state our reference UKRI-4681 on the request to attend. You should bring photo ID with you to RAL otherwise you may not be allowed on site. Full address is; Science and Technology Facilities Council, Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Campus, Didcot, OX11 0QX.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

To book onto the Supplier Engagement Session, please submit the names, email addresses, contact phone numbers, vehicle registrations and preferred date to attend to the following email address: [STFCprocurement@ukri.org](mailto:STFCprocurement@ukri.org). Please confirm your attendance no later than 12pm (noon) on 7 March 2025. Please ensure you state our reference UKRI-4681 on the request to attend.

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 August 2025

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Please note, the deadline date referenced in this notice is not the deadline for submission of tenders. This deadline date is for expressing an interest to attend the Supplier Event. All dates for the tender timetable will be provided in a Contract Notice after the Supplier Event

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