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Award

Provision of a PhD research project to explore the efficacy of peer checking in the nuclear industry

OFFICE FOR NUCLEAR REGULATION

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKD73 - Sefton

Justification for not providing organisation identifier

Not on any register

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.onr.org.uk/>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Nuclear Regulation

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Provision of a PhD research project to explore the efficacy of peer checking in the nuclear industry

Reference number

ONR1014

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

There is a need for research that directly examines the efficacy of peer-checking and the reliability of this approach within the nuclear industry. Such research will further ONR understanding of peer-checking and its impacts (both positive and negative).

This will enable the development of more accurate models of peer-checking, and will generate guidance for peer-checking across nuclear and broader safety-critical industry, as well as informing ONR's own guidance.

The research will comprise of a mixed-methods approach consisting of:

- A comprehensive literature review
- Development of a taxonomy for peer checking
- An interview study with industry experts and practitioners
- A cross-sectional mixed-measures survey
- A series of inter-linked lab-based experiments.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £65,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Proposed award of contract via single tender negotiation with a service provider without a call for competition.

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Aberdeen University's Applied Psychology and Human Factors Research Group has secured partial funding from the Scottish Graduate School of Social Sciences (SGSSS), which will fund 50% of the PhD, with ONR funding the remaining 50%.

Securing the SGSSS funding also enables the PhD student to access wider support, training and linkage to other academics. This and the SGSSS award would not be available through other suppliers and therefore represents excellent value to ONR and award of contract via single tender.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

ONR1014

Title

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A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

14 March 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire

University of Aberdeen

Aberdeen

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

Scottish Charity Register

SC013683

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot/concession (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £65,000

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Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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