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Award

Collaboration Agreement for Study of smouldering combustion in timber

International Nuclear Services Limited

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Scope

Reference

C29775

Description

A collaboration research agreement is being established with the University of Edinburgh to enable the engagement of a student who will undertake a study on smouldering combustion in timber.

This Transparency Notice is being issued alongside a separate Transparency Notice relating to the associated Student Agreement.

The combined total contract value of both agreements is above the procurement thresholds as per PA23 Schedule 1. Considered individually, each agreement falls below that threshold.

Supplier details: University Court of the University of Edinburgh, under registration number SC005336 incorporated under the Universities (Scotland) Acts and having its main administrative offices at Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh, EH8 9YL.

Contract 1. Collaboration Agreement for Study of smouldering combustion in timber

Supplier

- University of Edinburgh

Contract value

- £60,000 excluding VAT
- £72,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 March 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 March 2026 to 31 August 2030
- 4 years, 6 months

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 73110000 - Research services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Prototypes and development

This Direct Award justification is selected on the basis that this is novel research. It is contributing to the research and development against a nuclear package, as this research will feed into the early stages of the shock absorber smouldering rates.

Supplier

University of Edinburgh

Old College, South Bridge, Edinburgh,

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United Kingdom

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Region: UKM75 - Edinburgh, City of

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

International Nuclear Services Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMQD-6637-QWGT

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government