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Planning

Fusion Skills Training Collaboration

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/72814>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=69973&B=UKAEA

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

Fusion Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Fusion Skills Training Collaboration

Reference number

T/CB080/23

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80510000 - Specialist training services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Fusion Skills project aims to deliver a fully equipped skills academy at the West Burton STEP site. Four key training sectors are Power Engineering, Nuclear Design, Energy Storage, and Robotics.

UKAEA is looking for a body of training providers (consisting of lead partner and supporting partners as required to deliver the full technical training programme in the areas identified) to form a collaboration that will deliver the broad training needs at the STEP site. The majority of this training would be delivered at the new bespoke built training facility at West Burton. However, we are also open to exploring possibilities for training topics and volume that could be delivered at the facilities of our collaborators.

UKAEA anticipates that training will be able to commence from September 2026.

Full information is included in the Supporting Information document available for download in this PIN.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80500000 - Training services
- 80521000 - Training programme services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80531000 - Industrial and technical training services
- 80531100 - Industrial training services
- 80531200 - Technical training services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKF15 - North Nottinghamshire

Main site or place of performance

West Burton

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The UK Atomic Energy Authority (UKAEA) is the national research organisation responsible for the development of fusion energy. It is an executive non-departmental public body sponsored by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero.

The Fusion Skills project seeks to expand the footprint of UKAEA's award-winning apprenticeship training programme, which provides real-world training in a workplace setting. The project aims to deliver a fully equipped skills academy at the West Burton STEP site to support STEP, local employers, and the supply chain with the skills required to build and operate a prototype fusion powerplant. This will expand on the work already underway at UKAEA's Culham site.

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research and the supply chain at the STEP site. The majority of this training would be delivered at the new bespoke built training facility at West Burton. However, we are also open to exploring possibilities for training topics and volume that could be delivered at the facilities of our collaborators.

The ideal lead training partner will already have the capacity and capability to deliver level 3-7 apprenticeships in all or some of the subjects required with the proven ability to partner with other providers to deliver the full suite of requirements. They must also be within a reasonable travel distance to the West Burton site.

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Full information, including more about Fusion Skills, a breakdown of training areas and a proposed site map, is included in the Supporting Information document available for download in this PIN.

II.2.14) Additional information

This procurement will be conducted via a collaboration process.

II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

31 December 2024

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