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Planning

UKRI-4681 Construction Partner for Science and Technology Facilities Council

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Scope

Description

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.

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, 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.

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Total value (estimated)

- £800,000,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 March 2026 to 9 March 2033
- 7 years

Main procurement category

Works

CPV classifications

- 45000000 - Construction work

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

4 April 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

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As outlined in the PIN, UKRI- STFC held two Supplier Engagement Sessions at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory site on the following dates: 17 March 2025 and 20 March 2025, these sessions included a presentation, site visit and Q&A session. A follow up questionnaire was issued to the suppliers who attended the Supplier Engagement Sessions to gather further information on the market.

There are no further anticipated market engagement sessions planned.

Contracting authority

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