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Contract

## **UKRI-2255 Direct Wire Solar Power Purchase Agreement for STFC**

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

UK Research & Innovation

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Swindon

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[stfcprocurement@ukri.org](mailto:stfcprocurement@ukri.org)

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Scientific Research

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-2255 Direct Wire Solar Power Purchase Agreement for STFC

Reference number

UKRI-2255

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 09330000 - Solar energy

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

UK Research and Innovation ('UKRI') is seeking to establish a contract to supply electricity via direct wire solar Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) for the Science and Technology Facilities Council ('STFC'). A contract of up to 25 years to supply electricity is being sought via direct wire due to grid capacity limitations at STFC's Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Harwell, Oxfordshire.

#### **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: £46,000,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Oxfordshire

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

UKRI is seeking to establish a contract to provide electricity via direct wire (behind the meter) solar PPA for the STFC. Direct wire is sought from a supplier who is able to secure land within 5km of the site in Harwell, Oxfordshire, who has a demonstrable expertise in solar power, and who can manage the full end-to-end process, including all planning permissions, system development etc. Before any PPA can commence, a feasibility project stage will be undertaken to determine viability of the project.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Cost Proposal / Weighting: 30

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The procurement was undertaken via the use of Crown Commercial Services (CCS) fully compliant Heat Networks & Electricity Generation Assets (HELGA) DPS, with a call-off competition run in accordance with the DPS rules and process.

#### **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 V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

UKRI-2255

### **Title**

Direct Wire Solar Power Purchase Agreement for STFC

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

3 April 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

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

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

EDF Energy Renewables Limited

Alexander House, 1 Mandarin Road, Rainton Bridge Business Park

Tyne and Wear

DH4 5RA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC2 - Northumberland and Tyne and Wear

National registration number

06456689

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £46,000,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £46,000,000

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

This requirement was procured via the Crown Commercial Services Heat Networks & Electricity Generation Assets (HELGA) DPS. The potential Contract is for a maximum of £46,000,000 throughout the lifetime of the Power Purchase Agreement. A feasibility project stage will commence to determine the viability of the PPA in meeting the requirements. If it is decided the project is not viable, then the PPA will NOT proceed.

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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