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## Remote Handling Connectors for HVAC ( Nuclear Energy)

UK Atomic Energy Authority

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### Scope

### Reference

JNCA1077

### Description

UKAEA requires the manufacture of remote handling connectors for electrical junction boxes that are designed for high radiation environments, suitable for the Active Cell at ESS. These connectors are complex assemblies that require manufactured to precise tolerances. Previously, UKAEA used James Fisher Nuclear (our supplier on the Robotic Handling System work package for ESS) to manufacture and supply these connectors, however James Fisher Nuclear have since gone into insolvency. iR Engineering have the experience and expertise to supply these connectors – having manufactured and supplied the same connectors to ESS previously and, because of this, understand the quality requirements. Procuring these connector assemblies from iR Engineering guarantees a more efficient and consistent delivery approach to the project, ensuring that the same connectors are used across all the electrical junction boxes in the Active Cell at ESS. Having searched the market there are no other suppliers who are able to supply the complete connector assemblies. iR Engineering will not require technical support from UKAEA to deliver the complete connector assemblies, due to their previous experience of

manufacturing and supplying these directly to ESS. Given iR Engineering's previous experience with ESS quality requirements they carry little risk with regards to unforeseen costs, such as support completing quality reports, or rework due to noncompliant parts / materials.

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## **Contract 1. Remote Handling Connectors for HVAC ( Nuclear Energy)**

### **Supplier**

- [iR Engineering](#)

### **Contract value**

- £26,791.96 excluding VAT
- £32,150.36 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

5 February 2026

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

6 March 2026

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 6 March 2026 to 30 April 2026
- 1 month, 26 days

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 09300000 - Electricity, heating, solar and nuclear energy
- 42512300 - HVAC packages
- 44322200 - Cable connectors

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Below threshold - without competition

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## **Supplier**

## **IR Engineering**

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YO17 7FN

United Kingdom

Email: [support@irengineering.co.uk](mailto:support@irengineering.co.uk)

Region: UKE22 - North Yorkshire CC

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **UK Atomic Energy Authority**

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLJV-1169-JTDD

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Region: UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government