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## **1B4 - FOSTER Programme, Fusion Engineering Doctoral Training Partnership**

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2024/S 000-020520

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0456c1

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

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

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

Culham Campus

Abingdon

OX14 3DB

#### **Contact**

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

**National registration number**

N/A

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-atomic-energy-authority>

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=83411&B=UKAEA](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=83411&B=UKAEA)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=83411&B=UKAEA](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=83411&B=UKAEA)

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Fusion Research

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

1B4 - FOSTER Programme, Fusion Engineering Doctoral Training Partnership

Reference number

T-PJP102-24

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

- 73110000 - Research services

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

Services

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

Note this is an unregulated procedure and is only open to organisations that are able to provide post graduate doctoral training

This project which is part of the FOSTER (Fusion Opportunities in Skills, Training, Education and Research) Programme aims to deepen the talent pool available to the fusion sector by awarding £9.5M of funding between April 2025 and March 2030 to a university or consortia of universities who can create and deliver a high-quality Fusion Engineering Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP). It follows on from the Prior Information Notice published on Find a Tender Service (Notice reference: 2024/S 000-014161)

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £9,500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73110000 - Research services

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UK

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

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

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £9,500,000

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **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

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

As stated above this is an unregulated procedure for the provision of post graduate doctoral training to cohorts of students and is only suitable for bidders who are able to provide doctoral training.

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## **Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

#### **III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions

Refer to Procurement Documents for information.

#### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Refer to Procurement Documents for information.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Refer to Procurement Documents for information.

#### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria

Refer to Procurement Documents for information.

Minimum level(s) of standards possibly required

Refer to Procurement Documents for information.

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.2) Contract performance conditions**

Refer to Procurement Documents for information.

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

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

Open procedure

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-014161](#)

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

25 September 2024

Local time

5:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Tender must be valid until: 31 December 2024

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

25 September 2024

Local time

5:00pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

UK Atomic Energy Authority

Culham Science Centre

Abingdon

OX14 3DB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-atomic-energy-authority>

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

UK Atomic Energy Authority

Culham Science Centre

Abingdon

OX14 3DB

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

The authority will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers.

This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing from the authority before a contract is entered into applicants have 2 working days from the notification of the award decision to request. Additional debriefing and that information have to be provided within a minimum of 3 working days before the expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be sought from the contact named in this notice.

If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No. 102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

Any such action must be brought promptly.

(generally within 3 months).

### **VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

UK Atomic Energy Authority

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