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## **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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**National registration number**

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**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=71331&B=UKAEA](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=71331&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

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## **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
- UK - United Kingdom

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.

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 (we are interested in partners who can provide any of the individual levels or the full range required) 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 a breakdown of training areas, a proposed site map and a survey 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

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### **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

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

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

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