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Contract

## **STEP Strategic Procurement Support**

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

Culham Science Centre

Abingdon

OX14 3DB

#### **Contact**

Tom Smith

#### **Email**

[tom.smith2@ukaea.uk](mailto:tom.smith2@ukaea.uk)

#### **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.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**

STEP Strategic Procurement Support

Reference number

T/TS013/23

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 79418000 - Procurement consultancy services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

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

Strategic Procurement support for the STEP Programme

#### **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: £3,200,000

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

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

- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services

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

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

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

Strategic Procurement support for the STEP Programme

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

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 80

Price - Weighting: 20

#### **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:

A direct award through a framework was undertaken as UKAEA believed this would be the most appropriate way to gain value for money. The contractor has become a strategic part of key decision making in commercial areas and has built up a large level of knowledge. By awarding the contract to the same supplier, UKAEA is able to retain knowledge gained, further develop existing relationships between the bidder and Authority and not have to move through a transitional period for a prospective new supplier which would delay UKAEA operations.

#### 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

1

### Title

STEP Strategic Procurement Support

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### V.2) Award of contract

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

29 March 2023

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

Number of tenders received: 1

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

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

4C Associates Limited

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKI - London

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £3,200,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

Contract value and length reflected by 1 year initial terms with option to extend further 2 years.

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

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

UK Atomic Energy Authority

Culham Science Centre

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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

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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**

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