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Planning

FOSTER Programme PhD Industry Support Scheme 2024

United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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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/rwlentrance_s.asp?PID=86013&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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

FOSTER Programme PhD Industry Support Scheme 2024

Reference number

Foster - PhD Award Scheme 2024

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Fusion Opportunities in Skills, Training, Education and Research (FOSTER) programme is an ambitious new national fusion skills programme delivered by UKAEA on behalf of the UK fusion sector. FOSTER's mission is to train over 2200 people in the next 5 years, ready to take roles within the fusion industry. The intention is to work with universities, businesses, and international partners to increase the number of apprentice and graduate, postgraduate and doctoral, and post-doctoral opportunities within the fusion skills ecosystem in the UK.

One mechanism being used to support an increase in PhD numbers is through the FOSTER Programme's Industry Support Scheme Awards. These Awards will contribute a fixed sum of £40k towards the cost of a fusion related PhD in a UK university that commences by 31st December 2025.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £480,000

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

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice

11 November 2024

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: No