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Planning

## **UKRI-4971 Compressed Air and Nitrogen Generator Systems**

UK Research & Innovation

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### **Scope**

#### **Description**

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) Science and Technology Facilities Council (STFC), wish to establish a contract for the provision of Compressed Air, Nitrogen Generators, Carbon Towers and Associated Services. The site address for delivery of the goods and/or services is:

- a. Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, Harwell Campus, Didcot, OX11 0QX
- b. STFC Chilbolton Observatory, Drove Road, Chilbolton, SO20 6BJ
- c. The Cosener's House, 15-16 Abbey Close, Abingdon, OX14 3JD

The estimated value of the opportunity is £1,580,000.00 excluding VAT across a potential 4 year term, broken down approximately as follows:

Planned Preventative Maintenance: £185,000.00 per year

Reactive and Remedial Works: up to £200,000.00 per year

Estimate of new assets in new buildings/assets through contract term in new areas:  
£10,000.00 per year.

Total spend: £395,000.00 per year

The maximum amount UKRI will accept for PPM is £220,000.00 per year. Any bids that exceed this will be deemed as non-compliant.

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### **Total value (estimated)**

- £1,580,000 excluding VAT
- £1,896,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 16 August 2025 to 16 August 2028
- Possible extension to 16 August 2029
- 4 years, 1 day

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 50530000 - Repair and maintenance services of machinery

## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

12 May 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

### **Engagement process description**

The market for this requirement is already established due to the original tender, which was launched in March, closed without award due to significant changes in both the specification and the available budget. These changes were made by the outcome of the original tender and were necessary to ensure a successful outcome in the re-tendering process. UKRI have taken the lessons learnt from the unsuccessful tender and used this to form the Invitation to Tender.

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

12 June 2025

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## **Contracting authority**

## **UK Research & Innovation**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government