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Tender

STEP Technologies Global Supply Chain Analysis and Exploitation of Economic Value

UK Industrial Fusion Solutions Ltd

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Scope

Reference

PP-UKIFS-22a

Description

UKIFS is seeking to procure a suitable Supplier (an individual organisation or a consortium with a lead supplier) for a NEC4 Professional Services contract to provide STEP Technologies Global Supply Chain Analysis and Exploitation of Economic Value. The definitive statement of UKIFS's requirements is set out in the Service Specification - Appendix B.

The term of the Contract is 12 months.

The estimated budget for the Contract is £300,000 for Lot 1 and £500,000 for Lot 2. Total £800,000 including expenses (excluding VAT) for the initial term of 12 months. Lot 1 and Lot 2 may be awarded to either a single bidder or two separate bidders, depending on the distinct skill sets required for each.

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Total value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 28 August 2025 to 28 August 2026
- 1 year, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Exploitation of Economic Value of STEP Prototype

Description

Independent, expert, global analysis of the relative economic value of the opportunities associated with the technology development (and a selection of critical materials where they may offer opportunities for sourcing or processing in the UK) demand created by the STEP Prototype. Taking each of the technologies, or a sub-set selected for their economic value potential, deliver an understanding of the nature of this commercial potential and the barriers and opportunities open to STEP in stimulating or attracting it to the UK economy.

Lot value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 64216210 - Value-added information services
- 79311400 - Economic research services
- 79311410 - Economic impact assessment

Same for all lots

Contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Global Supply Chain Mapping & Analysis

Description

UK Industrial Fusion Solutions (UKIFS) seeks to appoint a highly capable and experienced supplier to deliver a strategic global supply chain analysis that is essential to the successful commercial delivery of the STEP Prototype Fusion Plant.

This contract (Lot 2 of the procurement) will support UKIFS in identifying, evaluating, and prioritising opportunities across the global supply base for STEP's technology needs. The outcome must be a fully informed, practical, and prioritised view of where and how the STEP programme can extract value and benefit from existing supply chains, and where and how it should stimulate capability development, attract inward investment or foster new industrial partnerships to enable long-term delivery success.

Critically, this is not a desktop research exercise. UKIFS expects the successful supplier to bring deep expertise, value-added insight, and international reach, delivering a level of analysis, judgement and synthesis that would not be achievable through internal capability alone. Key to the success of this contract is the ability to combine supply chain mapping with a strategic understanding of commercial value, delivery risk, policy context, and long-term technical and supply chain capability development.

Lot value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 09300000 - Electricity, heating, solar and nuclear energy
- 42150000 - Nuclear reactors and parts
- 71340000 - Integrated engineering services
- 71350000 - Engineering-related scientific and technical services

Same for all lots

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Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Exploitation of Economic Value of STEP Prototype

Lot 2. Global Supply Chain Mapping & Analysis

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

21 July 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

1 August 2025, 5:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

14 August 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	70%
Price	Price	20%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information**Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

UK Industrial Fusion Solutions Ltd

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