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Tender

Nuclear Degree Apprentice Training Provision 713310450

Ministry of Defence

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://contracts.mod.uk/esop/ogc-host/public/mod/web/login.html?VISITORID=1a8d5af2-7942-4a3f-a64d-d63f6ba5b7b8&_ncp=1734018218264.2403870-1

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Defence

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Nuclear Degree Apprentice Training Provision 713310450

Reference number

713310450

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 80340000 - Special education services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

There is a continuing demand to provide engineering apprentices to SDA's engineering function through the continuation of bespoke SDA apprenticeship schemes, which are necessary to support the Engineering strategy.

The Nuclear Degree Apprenticeship has a duration of up to 4 years, spanning 5 financial years for each intake. The apprentices' first year shall be spent full-time at college (with workshop type training) and years 2 to 4 as a mixture of further academic study and work placements within SDA project teams. This will result in both technical and academic qualification (ultimately a bachelor's degree) together with workplace experience providing a beneficial mix of technical knowledge, and broader Success Profile development. Scheme provision is for up to 30 apprentices per each academic year (for 3 years).

The scheme has (and intends to continue to do so) exploited the Apprentice Levy which provides a significant amount of the training cost of the scheme. In order to use the Levy, approved standards must be adopted. Currently this is: ST0289 Nuclear Scientist and Engineer (Level 6).

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The specifications of this requirement have been outlined in the ITT which can be accessed via DSP as well as a brief description below.

The bidder must be able to comply with the apprentice standards, which for this course is currently ST0289 Nuclear Scientist and Engineer (Level 6). All details of this standard are listed on the Institute for Apprenticeships website.

Engineering and manufacturing support technician / Institute for Apprenticeships and Technical Education

It is to be expected that the trainer will develop and deliver the training curriculum that supports the development of SQEP trainees within Engineering. The course should provide both on the job training and classroom-based learning, with a variation of classroom, online or workshop settings. The course should provide the apprentices with a Level 3 Qualification after successful completion of the course. Alongside the course, the Performing Engineering Operations (PEO) is to be included, as per the apprentice standards.

The training facilities must be accessible for the attendance of the apprentices with the majority of Apprentices being within the Southwest Region. Although not essential, it is also desirable that the facilities have public transport connections with access to accommodation for the students (whether onsite or local). This is to ensure the welfare of the students is accommodated.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £2,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

24 February 2025

End date

31 July 2027

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

II.2.14) Additional information

Project ITT has been published through DSP

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.1) Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions

It is a requirement that the bidder must comply and meet the the Apprentice Standard; ST0289 Nuclear Scientist and Engineer (Level 6).

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.2) Conditions related to the contract

III.2.2) Contract performance conditions

This contract will be subject to the Public Contract Regulations (PCR) and MOD Terms & Conditions will apply.

The tenderer must comply and agree to the T&Cs that will be set out in the contract, and a limit of liability is to be agreed upon.

Each academic term, there is to be face-to-face meetings between the Authority (SDA) and the Supplier for the duration of the contract.

To conduct regular assessments to evaluate the trainee's performance and learning outcomes, and to communicate the outcomes to the employers.

III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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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IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

9 January 2025

Local time

7:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 24 February 2025

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

24 February 2025

Local time

5:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

This is an Open Procedure under PCR regulations, contracted to the SDA. The tender close date will be 16/01/2025 at 19:00 with the intent to award WC 24th Feb 2025 and will run for three years.

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Ministry of Defence

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom