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## **Nuclear Degree Apprentice Training Provision 713310450**

Ministry of Defence

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

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

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#### **Country**

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#### **Region code**

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## **Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/>

## **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](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

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

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## **I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

## **I.5) Main activity**

Defence

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2024/S 000-031505](#)

#### **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

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## **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