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## **Nuclear Sponsorships Scheme**

Ministry of Defence

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## **Scope**

## **Description**

The Nuclear Sponsorship Scheme is designed to address the pressing need for skilled professionals within the nuclear sector, encompassing both civil and defence applications. Recognising the significant demand for degree-educated individuals in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines, and the current under-representation among those from lower socio-economic backgrounds, this initiative aims to foster social mobility while fulfilling critical workforce requirements. This is through offering comprehensive support, including full funding for tuition fees, summer placements, additional bursaries, and support for job placement upon degree completion.

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## **Contract 1. Nuclear Sponsorships Scheme**

## **Supplier**

- Cogent Skills Services Ltd

## **Contract value**

- £3,113,000 excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

11 August 2025

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 12 August 2025 to 31 March 2028
- 2 years, 7 months, 20 days

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 80000000 - Education and training services
- 80300000 - Higher education services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

Due to Cohort 1 already being on contract, and in Year 1 of their scheme, it is imperative

to ensure continuity of funding and provision for Year 2 and Year 3 of Cohort 1's scheme. Due to the academic timetable, Marketing and Attraction has already been contracted, via a TAF on a previous contract, for getting students onto Cohort 2. As such, remaining with Cogent Skills Services Ltd is the only solution for the Cohort 1 and 2 students to use this scheme. The Cohort 3 contract will be competitively procured.

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## Supplier

### **Cogent Skills Services Ltd**

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Region: UKD61 - Warrington

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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Bristol

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Email: [DNE-SupplyChain@mod.gov.uk](mailto:DNE-SupplyChain@mod.gov.uk)

Website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-defence>

Region: UKK12 - Bath and North East Somerset, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire

Organisation type: Public authority - central government