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Award

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.

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.

Contract 1. Nuclear Sponsorship Scheme

Supplier

- Cogent Skills Services Limited

Contract value

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

Award decision date

29 July 2025

Standstill period

- End: 8 August 2025
- 8 working days

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

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

Cogent Skills Services Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PLDR-3797-CGLZ

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Email: NSSColaboration@cogentskills.com

Region: UKD61 - Warrington

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1. Nuclear Sponsorship Scheme

Contracting authority

Ministry of Defence

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVX-4316-ZVGZ

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

Organisation type: Public authority - central government