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Planning

Open-Source Information Provider

UNITED KINGDOM NATIONAL NUCLEAR LABORATORY LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

NNLC692.2

Description

Open-Source Information Provider

In support of the strengthened safeguards system, the UKNNL on behalf of our customer requires broad access to geographically and linguistically diverse sources of relevant open-source information.

The information is required on nuclear dual use technologies relating to industrial infrastructure and nuclear research and development, as well as information on security, economics, weapons of mass destruction and the politics surrounding such weapons.

Detailed surveys are required of States' industrial and nuclear research infrastructure and issues that may induce a State to proliferate. The collection and analysis of such information, on scientific, technical, economic, political and nuclear-related developments,

is now an integral component of the State evaluation process.

The activity within two taskings is highly specialised, requiring regional foreign language, technical and scientific capabilities. Information in a multitude of languages is required and specialised linguists are thus required to decipher this information, with capabilities beyond translation. The proposed supplier will need to have technical understanding of nuclear terminology, technology and knowledge of related political, regulatory, and international environments. The proposed supplier will also need to have a detailed understanding of the roles and responsibilities of the IAEA and their safeguards regime. Linguists are required to provide nuanced cultural insight and native perspectives invaluable for exploring issues.

In addition, the content is considered sensitive and therefore the supplier will be required to undergo rigorous vetting and security aspects before contract commencement.

The proposed supplier would be required to submit monthly abstracts, reports and updates (based on open source information) that are relevant to nuclear technology development in identified regional areas.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,500,000 excluding VAT
- £1,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2029
- Possible extension to 31 March 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71355000 - Surveying services
- 79530000 - Translation services
- 98113000 - Services furnished by specialist organisations

Contract locations

- UKD61 - Warrington

Engagement

Engagement deadline

29 October 2025

Engagement process description

This market engagement seeks supplier feedback to inform the procurement and programme of work.

Interested parties who have demonstrable experience to deliver the scope of work should contact procurement@uknnl.com before 17:00 pm on Wednesday 29th October 2025, to receive a Request for Information Questionnaire (RFI).

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

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