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Award

Non Destructive Testing Services (AGR - Unique Ref. 11 F/W)

NUCLEAR RESTORATION SERVICES LIMITED

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-071424

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05db66 ([view related notices](#))

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Scope

Reference

C27982

Description

Procurement record to allow the publication of UK5 Transparency Notice for the Contract being novated from EDF.

The transparency notice Contract value is based on the maximum contract extension period, therefore not a guaranteed value of spend.

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Supplier

- APPLUS UK LTD

Contract value

- £1,103,201 excluding VAT
- £1,323,841 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

6 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 31 December 2026
- Possible extension to 31 December 2032
- 6 years, 9 months

Description of possible extension:

Optional extension of 72 months from end date of initial term

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71632200 - Non-destructive testing services

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

As part of the UK's nuclear decommissioning programme, Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS) will begin taking ownership of assets and the responsibility for the Advanced Gas-Cooled Reactor (AGR) sites from EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Limited (EDF). This transition, starting with Hunterston B in spring 2026, marks a key milestone in ensuring the continued safe, secure and cost-effective decommissioning of the UK's nuclear legacy.

NRS is committed to transparency and collaboration throughout this transfer process, working closely with EDF, regulators and stakeholders to deliver a seamless transfer whilst maintaining the highest standards of regulatory, safety and environmental compliance. In line with this commitment, NRS therefore intends to make a direct award in accordance with Section 41 of the Procurement Act 2023 and wishes to advise that the existing EDF contract with Applus UK Limited, as detailed in this notice, is being novated to Nuclear Restoration Services (NRS) as part of the AGR site transfer process. This is a direct award for the purposes of Procurement Act 2023 and is being made pursuant to Paragraph 6 of Schedule 5 to the Procurement Act 2023

NRS considers Paragraph 6 applies as the services provided by Applus UK Limited are critical to the ongoing operation of Hunterston B and it would create significant technical difficulties and unacceptable regulatory risks to NRS for another supplier to supply the Services at this time.

Following completion of this novated contract, all future requirements will be progressed through NRS's established procurement processes and in continued compliance with the Procurement Act 2023 (PA23).

Applus UK Limited is neither an excluded or excludable supplier.

A Contract Award Notice and Contract Details Notice will follow in accordance with Procurement Act 2023.

Supplier

APPLUS UK LTD

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government