**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI)**

**FOR**

**Nuclear Curriculum Platform**

1. **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) SCOPE** 
   1. The Nuclear Skills Strategy Group requires expressions of interest to provide the services outlined below.
   2. The purpose of this EOI is to inform the potential suppliers of this opportunity and gather interest for internal planning purposes.
   3. If you are interested in bidding for this opportunity, please return this EOI along with the Appendix Form completed with the subject heading “Nuclear Curriculum Platform” to: martin.mcmanus@cogentskills.com
2. **PROCUREMENT TIMETABLE**

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| **DATE** | **ACTIVITY** |
| 4th June 2021 | Publication of this EOI |
| 18th June 2021 | Return date for this EOI. |
| June | Discussions with potential suppliers |
| July | Evaluation and contracting |
| August | Start delivery |

1. **Definitions and Acronyms**

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| **Expression or Acronym** | **Meaning** |
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| NSSG | Nuclear Skills Strategy Group |
| STEM | Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics |

**4. Overall requirement**

4.1 The Nuclear Skills Strategy Group is investigating the feasibility to contract for a serviced online platform to provide nuclear-related curriculum material for schools and colleges in England.

The NSSG is prepared to consider working with more than one contractor, so EOIs that relate to only part of the following description can be eligible. We are also prepared to consider flexibility in how the service is delivered, and ideas are welcome accordingly.

The service will provide a programme of materials to support teacher/lecturers in contextualising the curriculum to the nuclear sector, developed in close consultation with employers. The aim is to embed industrial context and careers information, into a portal that is accessed by tutors, parents and pupils/ students. This will support teacher Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programmes, to enable a more sustained impact in schools.

The contract will primarily consist of:

* development of new materials and lesson plans, mapped to the curriculum, to support subject teachers and careers advisers deliver careers advice, information and guidance
* providing these materials for schools on a contextualised online platform

The NSSG sees the prime benefits to the nuclear sector to include:

* Driving up quality of school engagement and of materials provided into the curriculum
* Driving down the cost of school/ curriculum engagement due to removing the need to duplicate effort
* Engagement with a wider range of expertise
* A well-defined and sustainable end-state
* Removing the barriers of schools’ ability to engage with multiple organisations
* Reach into schools where the nuclear sector has no existing relationship

4.2. The potential supplier will be appointed for approximately one year from August 2021 to carry out all tasks outlined in the specification. If the NSSG is satisfied with the service provided, the contract will be extended beyond the first year.

4.3. Interested contractors should state an indicative price for delivery in the first year. This will be treated as indicative only, and might be varied by negotiation before contracting depending on the outputs required.

**6. Service definition:**

6.1. Features of the service will include:

* interactive online science lessons with handouts and assessment for learning activities, mapped against multiple curricula including the Science National Curriculum
* video segments filmed directly in the workplace, with sector experts contributing to the lessons and explaining how the topics relate to their organisation
* a careers platform with information on nuclear sector and more generic STEM job roles

The contracting organisation would be expected to:

* Work with employers to design a series of lesson materials
* Film, edit, produce and host tailored lessons
* Develop and host career profiles
* Provide detailed management data and Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) based on school engagement, numbers of lessons accessed, with geographical and demographic breakdowns

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6.1.6. Provide a report at the end of the first year of operation, with a self-analysis of the delivery of the contract.

**7. EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

## NSSG requires expressions of interest by the deadline stated.

## **8. RIGHT TO CANCEL OR VARY THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

8.1 NSSG reserves the right to:

* + 1. Cancel all or part of this EOI and any subsequent procurement at any stage and at any time;
    2. Amend, clarify, add to or withdraw all or any part of the EOI at any time.

1. **EOI CUSTOMER CONTACT**

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| Name: | **Martin McManus** |
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1. **CONFIDENTIALITY**

NSSG will keep confidential the contents of any EOI if requested by the organisation(s) expressing interest, subject to freedom of information and data protection legislation. However, the NSSG is a partnership of employers across the civil and defence nuclear sector, with government organisations, and information will need to be shared within the partnership for the purposes of evaluation and decision making.

# Appendix 1: EOI Form

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| Supplier Name |  |
| Contact name, email and phone number |  |
| 1. In which area do you have relevant skills/expertise?   *(Please state if you could deliver some or all of the service outlined)* |  |
| 2) Please outline how you would plan to deliver the contract |  |
| 3)Please state what you would deliver in the first year of operation  *(how many lesson plans, supporting materials, etc.)* |  |
| 4) Please state the indicative cost of delivery in the first year  *(Note that this will be taken as indicative only at this stage, and might be varied before contracting depending on the outputs required and potentially scaling the scope of the contract up or down)* |  |
| 5) Would you be open to work in collaboration with other companies? | |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | Yes | No | Comment | |  |  |  | |
| 6) Any further comments  *(You may also attach other supporting documents to your email submission if relevant)* |  |

If you are interested in bidding for this opportunity, please return this EOI along with the Appendix 1 Form completed with the subject heading “Nuclear Curriculum Platform” to:

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| Name: | **Martin McManus** |
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| Response Deadline: | 18th June 2021 |