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ÅF wins framework agreement with ESS

ÅF has signed a framework agreement with ESS AB (European Spallation Source) in Lund, Sweden. ESS is a European project involving 17 partner countries. The aim is to build the world's foremost neutron source for materials science research in Lund.

Following an extensive procurement process, ÅF is one of the technical consulting companies that ESS has chosen to sign a framework agreement with. ÅF's track record of experience from major projects in the specialist areas of industry, infrastructure, environment, nuclear power, mechanical engineering and IT was a contributory factor towards its success in securing the framework agreement.

ÅF has been involved in the project intermittently since 2003, chiefly as a partner in the application process preceding the EU's decision to locate this facility in Lund, despite competition from Bilbao (Spain) and Debrecen (Hungary).

Construction work on the ESS project is scheduled to start in 2013. The facility is expected to open in 2019 and should become fully operational by 2025. ESS will be used by between 2,000 and 3,000 European researchers every year.

As a multidisciplinary scientific research facility in Lund based on the world's most powerful neutron source, ESS will open up new fields of opportunity for researchers, particularly those working in health science, environmental science, energy, climate, transport and engineering. ESS is a European research project. At least 17 nations will be involved in cooperating on the design, financing, construction and operation of the facility.

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