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Expert Support and Alternative Solutions Framework 2025

Nuclear Waste Services Limited

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e212

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKD1 - Cumbria

National registration number

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Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-waste-services/about>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-waste-services/about>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Nuclear Decommissioning

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Expert Support and Alternative Solutions Framework 2025

Reference number

C16721

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 90520000 - Radioactive-, toxic-, medical- and hazardous waste services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The scope of the procurement is to provide access to a new Expert Support & Alternative Solutions Framework for all NWS Customers with a Waste Services Contract. The framework will include:

- On-site support;
- Technical and professional waste services;
- Enabling activities;
- Development and delivery of alternative solutions (including pilots);
- Research & Development;
- Container and Package Quality.

Organisations are invited to submit their ITT responses via NWS's Atamis system (<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>), which can be accessed against Record Ref C16721 'Expert Support and Alternative Solutions 2025' which is listed within the 'Find Opportunities' area on the portal.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £14,500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 90521000 - Radioactive waste treatment services
- 90521000 - Radioactive waste treatment services
- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 71600000 - Technical testing, analysis and consultancy services
- 90520000 - Radioactive-, toxic-, medical- and hazardous waste services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKD11 - West Cumbria

Main site or place of performance

Old Shore Road, Holmrook, Cumbria, CA19 1XP

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

As the diversion of LLW from LLWR Repository has become business as usual over the past 10 years and decommissioning programmes at customer sites have matured; the types of waste being managed through NWS frameworks has changed. NWS are seeing an increase in the number of challenging / problematic waste streams which require broader waste acceptance criteria and/or a range of specialist waste management advice/support. Customers often also require support higher up in the waste lifecycle / value chain, covering route development / optimisation, characterisation techniques and training of their internal resources. This trend is set to continue as further changes in decommissioning occur over the next decade.

It is also recognised that many NDA entities have only small numbers of resources with the knowledge and expertise needed to manage their existing and future waste arisings, as well as their historic wastes.

This ESAS framework will therefore support NWS mission and vision by providing the Client

and its Customers with access to an experienced pool of expert resources and fit for purpose responsive solutions, which offer value for money, sustainability and social value.

Contractors will be required to have knowledge and understanding across the full radioactive waste management lifecycle and the ability to operate and execute work and provide support at any stage of the lifecycle on the Customer's, Contractor's, Client's sites or elsewhere.

Contractors must have the ability to deliver all aspects of the service. Such ability may include the use of appropriate subcontractors in accordance with the conditions of contract.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £14,500,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Start date

12 December 2025

End date

11 December 2029

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

II.2.14) Additional information

The framework will be for use by organisations that either currently hold, or may in future enter into, a Waste Services Contract with NWS. These organisations that either currently hold, or may in future enter into, a Waste Services Contract with NWS, include private sector bodies, plus public sector bodies that fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. Any of the following and their future successors:

- (a) Ministerial government departments;
- (b) Non-ministerial government departments;
- (c) Executive agencies of government;
- (d) Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs), including advisory NDPBs, executive NDPBs, and tribunal NDPBs;
- (e) Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs);
- (f) Police forces;
- (g) Fire and rescue services;
- (h) Ambulance services;
- (i) Maritime and coastguard agency services;
- (j) NHS bodies;
- (k) Educational bodies or establishments including state schools (nursery schools, primary schools, middle or high schools, secondary schools, special schools), academies, colleges, Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), further education colleges and universities;
- (l) Hospices;
- (m) National Parks;
- (n) Housing associations, including registered social landlords;
- (o) Third sector and charities;
- (p) Citizens advice bodies;
- (q) Councils, including county councils, district councils, county borough councils, community councils, London borough councils, unitary councils, metropolitan councils, parish councils;
- (r) Public corporations;
- (s) Public financial bodies or institutions;
- (t) Public pension funds;
- (u) Central banks; and
- (v) Civil service bodies, including public sector buying organisations.

2. Those listed and maintained by the Government on their website at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations> or any replacement or updated web-link.

3. Those listed and maintained by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) at

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsec>

[torclassificationguide](#) or any replacement or updated web-link.

4. Those bodies in England, Wales or Northern Ireland which are within the scope of the definition of "Contracting Authority" in regulation 2(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and/or Schedule 1 PCR.

Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with a single operator

In the case of framework agreements, provide justification for any duration exceeding 4 years:

N/A

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

22 April 2025

Local time

5:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 21 April 2026

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

14 February 2025

Local time

3:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: Yes

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Royal Courts Of Justice

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London

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rcj.dco@justice.gov.uk

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.find-court-tribunal.service.gov.uk/courts/royal-courts-of-justice>

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

Nuclear Waste Services Limited

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