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Award

## **Waste Vitrification Plant Distributed Control System Critical Spares**

Sellafield Limited

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

Supply of critical spares from the original equipment manufacturer for the waste vitrification plant (WVP) facility's distributed control system (DCS). The existing DCS was originally manufactured by ABB Ltd.

Due to age and imminent obsolescence, procurement of critical spares will give resilience to the WVP which intern protects the highly active liquor (HAL) stream programme/deliverables.

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## **Contract 1. Waste Vitrification Plant Distributed Control System Critical Spares**

## **Supplier**

- ABB Limited

## **Contract value**

- £977,688.89 excluding VAT
- £1,173,226.67 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

18 March 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 18 March 2026 to 30 July 2026
- 4 months, 13 days

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **CPV classifications**

- 31682210 - Instrumentation and control equipment
- 31230000 - Parts of electricity distribution or control apparatus

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom
- UKD1 - Cumbria

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## **Other information**

### **Description of risks to contract performance**

None

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

### **Direct award justification**

- Single supplier - technical reasons
- Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

It has been determined that in current circumstances that competition is absent for

technical reasons pursuant to Schedule 5 paragraph 6(a)(b) and 7(a)(b) of the Procurement Act 2023. Justification for the award is as follows:

A change in supplier would result in the contract authority receiving goods that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing works. Introducing unproven spares could result in failure of the existing distributed control system (DCS) and therefore impact the waste vitrification plant's (WVP) operational availability.

It is essential that the spares are compatible with the existing DCS within the facility and ABB Ltd as the original equipment manufacturer can manufacture spares for its system which are proven to be compatible with the existing system. Changing suppliers from ABB Ltd could require significant redesign, testing, and validation and any compatibility issues would result in the loss of WVP's ability to operate. Such an impact on operations is clearly disproportionate given the nature of the award.

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## Supplier

### **ABB Limited**

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Region: UKD71 - East Merseyside

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### Sellafield Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PWYP-8439-MZWY

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Region: UKD61 - Warrington

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government