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Planning

## **Automated Sort and Segregate (Auto-SAS)**

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

F01: Prior information notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04693c

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-decommissioning-authority>

Buyer's address

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/nuclear-decommissioning-authority>

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Nuclear Decommissioning

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

Automated Sort and Segregate (Auto-SAS)

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 98391000 - Decommissioning services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

This project is an Innovation Partnership procurement route and therefore requires innovative ideas and solutions. The proposed contract duration will be over 4 years and will provide a deployed large-scale active demonstration (Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6) of an autonomous waste sorting and segregation platform on an NRS site. The platform will be able to autonomously sort through nuclear waste and segregate into specific containers. The aim of the platform is to remove humans from harm, reduce the hazards associated with sorting and segregation processes and improve utilisation of the waste hierarchy and diversion routes.

The procurement will start with a 3 year off site design, development, and inactive demonstration and move to a 2 year installation and active demonstration phase. (Phase 2 will start during the 3 year period of Phase 1. However there will be a contract break before phase 2 commences)

These two phases will be awarded to a single supplier for £0-£9.5M in total.

Whilst the contract will be awarded by NDA, the contract management and project management will be led by NRS. The contract maybe novated over to NRS at a later date once awarded.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £9,500,000

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 42997300 - Industrial robots
- 71241000 - Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis
- 79723000 - Waste analysis services
- 73420000 - Pre-feasibility study and technological demonstration
- 79930000 - Specialty design services
- 73300000 - Design and execution of research and development
- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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The procurement will be awarded by the NDA. The contract management and project

management will be by NRS.

The NDA shall host an engagement event on 18th June 2024 10am – 12:30pm. To register your attendance please email: [madeline.jones@nda.gov.uk](mailto:madeline.jones@nda.gov.uk) for this requirement. Please type in the header “Auto SAS”. This supplier event will be carried out via a Microsoft teams conference, and a link will be shared prior to the proposed date. The NDA would like a maximum of 2 members of staff per supplier.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

71241000- Feasibility study, advisory service, analysis

73000000- Research and development services and related consultancy services

73300000- Design and execution of research and development

79421200- Project-design services other than for construction work

79723000- Waste analysis services

79930000- Specialty design services

#### **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 December 2024

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes