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## **Pu Ceramics PhD Projects- Research Hub**

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

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

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

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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

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**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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

Pu Ceramics PhD Projects- Research Hub

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

#### II.1.4) Short description

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The contract will be based on NDA's anticipated funding of circa £1M per annum (To be confirmed: £5-6M in total)  
The NDA shall host an engagement event on 24th July 2024 1 0am - 12:00pm.

To register your attendance please email: [ambar.saeed@nda.gov.uk](mailto:ambar.saeed@nda.gov.uk) for this requirement. Please type in the

header "C19784 Research Hub". 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.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £6,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.2) Description**

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

- 73000000 - Research and development services and related consultancy services
- 09342000 - Plutonium

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

17 June 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