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Tender

## **The provisions for services to decommission 6 Irradiator Units containing High Activity Sealed Sources (HASS)**

Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

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

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

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Buyer's address

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

**I.3) Communication**

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

<https://one-nda.force.com/s/Welcome>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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## **Section II: Object**

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

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

The provisions for services to decommission 6 Irradiator Units containing High Activity Sealed Sources (HASS)

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

- 90521100 - Collection of radioactive waste

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

Services

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

The Home Office are leading a cross government programme of activities which seeks to replace caesium-137 irradiators used in biological and biomedical research facilities within the UK, where a viable alternative technology or solution exists.

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) with Nuclear Transport Solutions (NTS) acting as their agent has been instructed by the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) to establish and support the collection of High Activity Sealed Radioactive Source (HASS) through a suitable disposal route.

The NDA Group have been tasked with enabling a disposal route for these sources into Sellafield. Note, Sellafield is the current waste management route for sealed sources.

NTS is a wholly owned subsidiary of the NDA which has extensive and proven expertise in irradiated fuel management and transporting nuclear materials.

This Contract is for 6 Irradiator Units and £2m - £3m has been allocated for these initial 6 Irradiator Units. There may be a further 3 Irradiator Units that may also fall within the scope of this Contract, for which additional budget (up to £1m - £1.5m) would be provided by the Authority, should their collection and processing be required.

The budget and approvals are secured for the initial 6 Irradiator Units and should the collection and processing of the additional 3 be required, it would be subject to additional budget and governance approvals.

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

Value excluding VAT: £4,500,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 90521200 - Radioactive waste storage services
- 90521300 - Disposal of radioactive waste
- 90521200 - Radioactive waste storage services
- 90521400 - Transport of radioactive waste

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

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **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: £4,500,000

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

Duration in months

12

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 Contract will run for an Initial Term of 1 year, commencing on Sept 2024. There will be an option for the Authority to extend the Contract for a further 1 year. The Contract will end when the final service is completed.

All correspondence should be via e-sourcing portal - <https://onenda.force.com/s/Welcome>

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

#### **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**

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#### **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**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

18 July 2024

Local time

12:00pm

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### **Section VI. Complementary information**

#### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

#### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

##### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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##### **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**

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