

This is a published notice on the Find a Tender service: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/Notice/036992-2023>

Contract

## **Interim GDF Programme Director**

LLW REPOSITORY LIMITED TRADING AS NUCLEAR WASTE SERVICES

F03: Contract award notice

Notice identifier: 2023/S 000-036992

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-042623

Published 15 December 2023, 3:15pm

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

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

LLW REPOSITORY LIMITED TRADING AS NUCLEAR WASTE SERVICES

Pelham House, Pelham Drive, Calderbridge

SEASCALE

CA201DB

#### **Contact**

Joanne Makin

#### **Email**

[joanne.m.makin@nuclearwasteservices.uk](mailto:joanne.m.makin@nuclearwasteservices.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **Region code**

UKD11 - West Cumbria

**Justification for not providing organisation identifier**

Not on any register

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**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**

Interim GDF Programme Director

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 98110000 - Services furnished by business, professional and specialist organisations

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

12-month secondment agreement for an Interim Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) Programme Director.

**II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £297,000 / Highest offer: £496,000 taken into consideration

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- UKD1 - Cumbria

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

The Interim Geological Disposal Facility (GDF) Programme Director provides day to day leadership of the GDF programme, ensuring key deliverables are met. Key deliverables are identified in the GDF programme baseline and include the delivery of the next stage of business cases and sanctioning of those via the appropriate governance routes.

The secondment agreement is for 12 months, with the time commitment per week flexing to meet workload demand.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The terms of the secondment agreement may only be varied by agreement in writing between the Employer and LLW Repository Ltd trading as Nuclear Waste Services.

---

## Section IV. Procedure

### IV.1) Description

#### IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

An Interim GDF Programme Director was required urgently, following the departure of the previous role holder. A recruitment process for a permanent replacement has commenced, but this may take up to 12 months: advertising and selection (3 months), onboarding (6 months, including resignation period) and 3-month handover. The resource was required immediately; any pause in service could have resulted in disruption to the GDF programme, leading to associated cost increases.

The Programme Director role requires experience and knowledge of running governmental business cases, major projects, digital solutions, shaping and improving programmes, nuclear sector familiarity and NDA-specific governance. The seconded individual has significant expertise in these areas, bolstered by the time he has spent within NWS under the separate Business Transformation Support contract, gaining an excellent understanding of NWS and the context within which we operate.

In the absence of suitable in-house capability and recognising that a new procurement process would be economically impractical and would not result in obtaining properly qualified and experienced resource of the required calibre in the timescales needed, the secondment agreement was awarded directly. This ensures stability in the management of the GDF programme while a permanent replacement for the GDF Programme Director is recruited.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

---

## Section V. Award of contract

### Title

Interim GDF Programme Director

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

## **V.2) Award of contract**

### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

14 December 2023

### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

DBD Limited

Ground Floor 401 Faraday Street, Birchwood

Warrington

WA3 6GA

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKD6 - Cheshire

Companies House

03118924

The contractor is an SME

No

### **V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Lowest offer: £297,000 / Highest offer: £496,000 taken into consideration

---

## **Section VI. Complementary information**

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

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

Royal Courts of Justice

London

Country

United Kingdom