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Award

Supply of Road Salt

Nuclear Restoration Services Limited

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Scope

Reference

C21856

Description

Supply of Road Salt for Gritting of Roads, Car Parks and footpaths around the Dounreay site

Contract 1. Supply of Road Salt 2025-2029

Supplier

- [The Highland Council](#)

Contract value

- £400,000 excluding VAT
- £480,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

13 August 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 August 2025 to 17 August 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 34927100 - Road salt
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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

The salt is delivered from the salt mines in the Midlands. A major risk is posed if this is unavailable due to high demand. Therefore, it is essential that NRS Limited (Dounreay) keep a supply of salt in the hangar on site should a shipment not come in from the Highland Council.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The grounds for direct award are the cost effectiveness of transport arrangements and the bulk salt rates offered to the Dounreay site from the Highland Council (HC). HC arranges a cargo boat delivery from the Midlands to Scrabster or Wick Harbour. NRS Dounreay is then able to arrange collection from either Harbour or HC Depot using our own transport. HC has been used previously to supply road salt to the Dounreay site. There is no reasonable alternative supplier within the Highlands with the capacity to supply the quantities of salt the Dounreay site requires annually. NTS Dounreay has few other options for salt delivery suppliers within a 250-mile radius of the site, however utilising such suppliers would incur huge delivery costs via road. The salt would also be delivered in 1-ton bulk bags, leading to additional waste and costs associated with the disposal approximately 800 1-ton bags a year. HC use these huge salt supply cargo vessels to supply huge quantities of bulk road salt to various ports within Scotland to reduce excessive delivery capacity on our roads and infrastructures as much as reasonably practicable.

Supplier

The Highland Council

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Supply of Road Salt 2025-2029

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government