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Planning

Bulk and Packaged Chemicals

Sellafield Limited

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Scope

Reference

C28382

Description

There is a requirement for Sellafield Ltd to implement a Contract for Bulk and Packaged Chemicals to support site-wide operations and decommissioning activities across the Sellafield site.

This opportunity will be structured into three (3) Lots, with one supplier awarded per Lot. Tenderers may submit bids for any Lot and will have the potential to secure multiple Lots.

The opportunity will be split across three (3) Lots:

Lot 1- Bulk Caustic Soda (Sodium Hydroxide 23%, 47%, and 50%)

Lot 2- Packaged Chemicals & Other Bulk Products

This will include, but is not limited to, the following scope:

- Sodium Hydroxide 22% - IBC 1000L/1245kg
- Aluminium Sulphate 8% - Delivered via road tanker.
- Ferric Nitrate Solution - Delivered via road tanker.
- Praestol DW-31-EU - 1L/1.1kg
- Hydrochloric Acid 14% - IBC 1000L/1071kg
- Hydrated Lime - Per kg
- Nickel Nitrate - 10kg
- Sodium Carbonate Light - 25kg
- Sodium Hypochlorite (14/15%) - IBC 1000L/1255kg
- Pure Dried Vacuum Salt - Per kg
- Sodium Nitrate 36% - 834L/1068kg
- Granulated Sugar - 1000kg
- Sulphuric Acid 77% - IBC 1000L/1698Kg
- Sulphuric Acid 96% - Per kg
- Silver Zeolite Cartridges
- Silver Zeolite - 35g
- Brenntamer CL 845 - 25kg
- Lithium Nitrate - Per kg or 1230kg

Lot 3- Bulk Nitric Acid (60%)

The Contract will be for a period of four (4) years.

Total value (estimated)

- £19,000,000 excluding VAT
- £22,800,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 February 2027 to 31 January 2031
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 24960000 - Various chemical products
- 24311521 - Caustic soda
- 24411000 - Nitric acid and salts
- 24311520 - Sodium hydroxide
- 24311410 - Inorganic acids
- 24311470 - Hydrogen chloride
- 24313100 - Sulphides, sulphites and sulphates
- 24311500 - Hydroxides as basic inorganic chemicals
- 24312120 - Chlorides

- 24311522 - Liquid soda
- 24311411 - Sulphuric acid
- 24313000 - Sulphides, sulphates; nitrates, phosphates and carbonates
- 24313120 - Sulphates
- 24313300 - Carbonates
- 24962000 - Water-treatment chemicals

Contract locations

- UKD11 - West Cumbria

Engagement

Engagement deadline

19 December 2025

Engagement process description

Interested suppliers are invited to participate in the following activities to aid in the refinement of the future procurement:

- A webinar event on the 3rd December 2025, 1pm-2:30pm
- Completion of a questionnaire following the market engagement event

Sellafield Ltd welcomes interested suppliers to express their interest by sending a confirmation message via our e-sourcing platform, Atamis, under reference number C28382.

Please include the following detail in your message:

- Full name
- Company/organisation name
- Contact details (Email and phone number)

If you do not have an account with Atamis, please register on Atamis to create an account. If you have problems registering, please contact the helpdesk +44 29 2280 9277 or raise a support ticket via the following link <https://suppliersupport.atamis.co.uk/hc/en-gb>

Suppliers should note that all information gathered from this exercise is for the contracting authority's use and is subject to change.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

12 March 2026

Contracting authority

Sellafield Limited

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