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Planning

Site Characterisation Professional Services Support (SCPSS)

Nuclear Waste Services Limited

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Scope

Reference

C26888

Description

The Site Characterisation Professional Services Support (SCPSS) framework is designed to provide NWS with comprehensive support across all aspects of site characterisation activities during the period leading up to the appointment and onboarding of the Site Characterisation Delivery Partner (SCDP). The framework is for professional services only.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 1 September 2029
- Possible extension to 1 September 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71313000 - Environmental engineering consultancy services
- 71351200 - Geological and geophysical consultancy services

Engagement

Engagement deadline

18 December 2025

Engagement process description

The Contracting Authority (Nuclear Waste Services) is commencing an engagement with interested suppliers for Site Characterisation Professional Services Support (SCPSS) framework. The first stage of the planned market engagements is publication of the Request For Information (RFI) document that provides an overview of the requirement's scope and initial procurement strategy thinking. The document can be accessed via

webpage created to facilitate communication with the market and documentation share between NWS and prospective suppliers. The link to the webpage: www.nuclearwasteservices.uk/2025/11/site-characterisation-professional-services-support-scpss/ NWS would like to gather feedback from the market to shape the procurement. The webpage contains instruction on how to complete the document and where to return it. For information on further engagements, please refer to the section 'Further Market Engagement Information' of the RFI.

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

1 April 2026

Contracting authority

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