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Pipeline

Technical Support to Regulatory Assessments of Solid Radioactive Waste Disposal Framework

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

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Scope

Reference

P-37412

Description

The Environment Agency is the independent environmental regulator for the nuclear industry and for radioactive substances regulation in England. It regulates a range of activities, depending on the type of site, but in all cases it regulates the disposal of solid radioactive waste on or from the site, as well as discharges to air and water (which are also defined as disposal under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2016 (EPR2016)). Its remit covers England, but the Environment Agency works closely with the Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR), Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) on matters of mutual interest, including those relating to the management and disposal of solid radioactive waste.

The Authority is seeking to establish an Open Framework, for up to an 8 (eight) year period, with multiple suppliers across 3 (three) technical Lots, that have the capability to provide expert technical advice and scrutiny across several areas of regulatory

assessments of solid radioactive waste disposal.

Suppliers appointed to the framework will support the Environment Agency in meeting its statutory obligations in the regulation of solid radioactive waste disposals. Framework suppliers will have the capability to provide expert advice and scrutiny on solid radioactive waste disposal and support in the technical evaluation of Site-Wide Environmental Safety Case (SWESCs) from operators of nuclear licensed sites and Environment Safety Cases (ESCs) from developers and operators of radioactive waste disposal facilities. The scope of services will also encompass advice relating to the Environment Agency's remit in pre-disposal management and materials not yet formally declared as wastes, such as spent fuel and separated plutonium.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £9,750,000 excluding VAT
- £11,700,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2026 to 31 August 2030
- Possible extension to 31 August 2034
- 8 years

Main category

Services

CPV classifications

- 71621000 - Technical analysis or consultancy services
- 90713000 - Environmental issues consultancy services
- 90711000 - Environmental impact assessment other than for construction
- 98113100 - Nuclear safety services
- 71313000 - Environmental engineering consultancy services
- 71351220 - Geological consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

15 December 2025

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Above or below total value threshold

Above or equal to threshold

Contracting authority

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PNWW-1475-NYLN

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Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, FOOD AND RURAL AFFAIRS

Summary of their role in this procurement: Defra group Commercial (DgC) will manage the procurement on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

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