



Expert Support and Alternative Solutions 2025

Contracts Finder Contract Notice

Description

The scope of the procurement is to provide access to a new Expert Support & Alternative Solutions Framework for all NWS Customers with a Waste Services Contract. The framework will include:

- On-site support;
- Technical and professional waste services;
- Enabling activities;
- Development and delivery of alternative solutions (including pilots);
- Research & Development;
- Container and Package Quality and Inspection Capability.

Organisations are invited to submit their ITT responses via NWS's Atamis system (<https://atamis-2464.my.site.com/s/Welcome>), which can be accessed against Record Ref C16721 'Expert Support and Alternative Solutions 2025' which is listed within the 'Find Opportunities' area on the portal.

As the diversion of LLW from LLWR Repository has become business as usual over the past 10 years and decommissioning programmes at customer sites have matured; the types of waste being managed through NWS frameworks has changed. NWS are seeing an increase in the number of challenging / problematic waste streams which require broader waste acceptance criteria and/or a range of specialist waste management advice/support. Customers often also require support higher up in the waste lifecycle / value chain, covering route development / optimisation, characterisation techniques and training of their internal resources. This trend is set to continue as further changes in decommissioning occur over the next decade.

It is also recognised that many NDA entities have only small numbers of resources with the knowledge and expertise needed to manage their existing and future waste arisings, as well as their historic wastes.

This ESAS framework will therefore support NWS mission and vision by providing the Client and its Customers with access to an experienced pool of expert resources and fit for purpose responsive solutions, which offer value for money, sustainability and social value.

Contractors will be required to have knowledge and understanding across the full radioactive waste management lifecycle and the ability to operate and execute work and provide support at any stage of the lifecycle on the Customer's, Contractor's, Client's sites or elsewhere.

Contractors must have the ability to deliver all aspects of the service. Such ability may include the use of appropriate subcontractors in accordance with the conditions of contract.

The framework will be for use by organisations that either currently hold, or may in future enter into, a Waste Services Contract with NWS. These organisations that either currently hold, or may in future enter into, a Waste Services Contract with NWS, include private sector bodies, plus public sector bodies that fall into one or more of the following categories:

1. Any of the following and their future successors:

- (a) Ministerial government departments;
- (b) Non-ministerial government departments;

- (c) Executive agencies of government;
- (d) Non-Departmental Public Bodies (NDPBs), including advisory NDPBs, executive NDPBs, and tribunal NDPBs;
- (e) Assembly Sponsored Public Bodies (ASPBs);
- (f) Police forces;
- (g) Fire and rescue services;
- (h) Ambulance services;
- (i) Maritime and coastguard agency services;
- (j) NHS bodies;
- (k) Educational bodies or establishments including state schools (nursery schools, primary schools, middle or high schools, secondary schools, special schools), academies, colleges, Pupil Referral Unit (PRU), further education colleges and universities;
- (l) Hospices;
- (m) National Parks;
- (n) Housing associations, including registered social landlords;
- (o) Third sector and charities;
- (p) Citizens advice bodies;
- (q) Councils, including county councils, district councils, county borough councils, community councils, London borough councils, unitary councils, metropolitan councils, parish councils;
- (r) Public corporations;
- (s) Public financial bodies or institutions;
- (t) Public pension funds;
- (u) Central banks; and
- (v) Civil service bodies, including public sector buying organisations.

2. Those listed and maintained by the Government on their website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations> or any replacement or updated web-link.

3. Those listed and maintained by the Office of National Statistics (ONS) at <https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide> or any replacement or updated web-link.

4. Those bodies in England, Wales or Northern Ireland which are within the scope of the definition of "Contracting Authority" in regulation 2(1) of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR) and/or Schedule 1 PCR.