

Introduction – Susan Lussem, Supply Chain Director

At Sellafield, March is the last month of our Financial Year and our Manifesto theme for this month is 'We appreciate and celebrate achievements'.

When we created our Manifesto, employees told us that they want to work in an organisation that celebrates achievements.

We are getting better at creating an environment where people are proud of what they achieve and are able to celebrate with colleagues.

Within the Supply Chain Directorate, we are celebrating the collective work on the SME Agenda – see article in the Bulletin.

Aligned to this, there is an interesting survey about Micro, Small and Medium enterprises, conducted by the University of Cumbria. I would encourage you to participate.

Also in the Bulletin is an overview on SCX nuclear handling solutions and Orano Limited. We also invite you to our next SME Forum in Cumbria on Monday 28th March at the Golf Club, Whitehaven.

To close this month's column, we all will have witnessed over the past weeks the current events and disturbing scenes tragically unfolding in Ukraine. This remains an unsettling period for everyone – and will affect us all in different ways. I hope you are all taking care during these worrying times.

Take care and stay safe, Susan Lussem



Sellafield update on SME spend

The SME Improvement Plan has seen us achieve a combined direct and indirect 37.76% spend with SMEs at Quarter 3 with a year to date figure of 30.78%.

Debbie Brewer, Lead Analyst, Supply Chain Development & SRM said: "Our tool and process have been further refined and streamlined taking into account lessons learned and suppliers feedback. As we share with our internal and external stakeholders, we are dedicated to improve the supply chain experience to make the tool and process as user friendly as possible for suppliers to complete.

"To this end, on the 2nd and 3rd March the Sellafield Supply Chain Development & SRM team, in collaboration with NDA hosted four training sessions as part of a holistic and structured approach to support the Tier 2 suppliers participating in the process. Feedback from suppliers on the new tool was extremely positive and there was a recognition that we have come a long way in a short space of time.

"Within the sessions we reiterated the important features that we have introduced; those being Tier 3 (and lower tiers) data collection, sole traders (with registered company number), proportions of fixed costs and Year End provisional spend.

"These features are being designed to ensure not only the accuracy of the information, but to provide as many opportunities as possible to our supply chain to showcase their best practices and support to the SME common goal. For the last quarter 4, we aim to capture the maximum spend to enable us to hit the year-end target of 33% and to celebrate a combined effort."

Delivery Management System (DMS) booking requirements

There is an existing requirement that all Commercial deliveries and collections to the Lillyhall Security Distribution Centre (SDC) and Sellafield Main Gate, including vehicles that are not permitted to use the general lane, have a booking on the Delivery Management System (DMS), regardless of whether the driver holds a valid site pass. This requirement applies 24/7.

The following arrangements come into force on the 7th March 2022 to further enforce this requirement:

If you require access between 05:30 – 08:30, authorisation must also be obtained from the Security Boundary Operations team who can be contacted by emailing security_boundaries.operationsteam@sellafieldsites.com.

A comprehensive justification must be provided as to why access is required during this time. This is to manage in muster traffic congestion.

When making a booking on DMS, the details must be accurate. The Driver details and the Vehicle Registration Number must match, and the load description must accurately reflect the load being delivered.

Ensure the free text fields on DMS are used to include as much information as possible about the delivery/collection and where it is destined for on-site as this will make assigning escorts if required easier.

If the driver does not have a valid site pass, then an escort and/or visitor pass is required. If a local escort is not available in the first instance, a Main Gate escort can be provided within the hours of 08.30 – 18:00. Ensure you make it clear in the notes field on your booking if you believe that a Main Gate escort is required for longer than 45 minutes.

If you have any queries regarding DMS or require any information on how to use it, please contact the Control Tower by emailing Controltower@sellafieldsites.com or calling 01946 598677.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises opportunities to strengthen engagement with sustainability

The University of Cumbria's [Initiative for Leadership and Sustainability \(IFLAS\)](#) is supporting a research project that is investigating the needs of micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) related to sustainability. MSMEs need practical support to navigate the UK Government's plans to decarbonise all sectors of the economy by 2050, understand the impact of social value, and how to focus on sustainability generally.

To facilitate a better understanding of MSME needs, the University of Cumbria Innovations Platform (CUSP II) is undertaking a research project in partnership with the sustainability start-up [SDG Changemakers](#). There's a short online survey with the study aiming to determine the needs of MSMEs and identify opportunities that will strengthen their compliance and engagement with sustainability.

As an operating MSME or stakeholder, you have been invited to participate as your insight will prove helpful to the research team.

Please click this link to access the survey which will remain open until Friday 18 March: <https://form.jotform.com/220314673066047>

For more information, please contact: anna.mossop@cumbria.ac.uk

Prime Contractor Spotlight

Orano Limited is an established supplier to Sellafield Ltd, with UK and international expertise spanning the nuclear lifecycle. Orano combines a forty-year track record in the UK with global, owner-operator experience.

Orano is delivering a number of contracts at Sellafield, ranging from large frameworks such as the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority's Pu Disposition and Direct Research Portfolio contracts, through to contracts that include PPP's RAP AED project, expert support in shielding and waste management through Sellafield's Design Services Alliance, and the lifetime supply of melter crucibles.

Orano's most recent contract was the NDA Pu Disposition framework, which demonstrated the organisation's ability to deliver major complex programmes of work on site.

Orano is also an ADAPT partner, operating within the Decommissioning Delivery Partnership (DDP), to deliver contracts in decommissioning, remediation and POCO.

This includes project such as the Remote Active Handling Facility (RAHF), fuel and isotope retrieval, WAGR mortuary tubes retrieval and THORP POCO challenges.

Orano works with a number of supply chain partners, including SMEs such as PAR Systems, Tetrattech, Forth Engineering, Tenent, Marshall Wilson, Safsec, Cerberus and RadEcol.

Orano opportunities are advertised through existing supply chain links that have been established through an in-depth understanding of all levels of the UK market, and active participation in forums such as Britain's Energy Coast Business Cluster.

DDP opportunities are advertised through the ADAPT Joint Venture, using established procurement channels and supply chain links.



SME Spotlight

SCX has delivered nuclear handling solutions for over 25 years, starting with its first nuclear crane at Magnox at Berkeley in 1997. The company's focus is on the design, build, test and installation of solutions to any handling challenge.

Darren Falkingham, Group Marketing Manager at SCX said: "Our approach is to combine proven, industry-standard components with bespoke mechanical, electrical and safety engineering, delivering fit-for-purpose systems that exceed both safety and performance requirements.

"SCX's first crane at Sellafield was a 2.5-tonne hoist, back in 1998. Since then, we've delivered multiple Commercial Off The Shelf (COTS), Modified Off The Shelf (MOTS) and bespoke mechanical handling systems – for both new build and decommissioning projects – of varying size and complexity.

"Our solutions at Sellafield have been diverse: from mast and manipulator systems in FGMSF; to an ILW sludge pumping solution at the PFSP; to latching cranes at BEP; and most recently two waste retrieval cranes commissioned in 2021, again at the PFSP.

"We've deployed several MotoSuiveur load arrest devices, and right now, we're designing a special gantry crane to help with the decommissioning of the Redundant Settling Tank.

"The biggest barrier in recent times has been to respond to changes in public sector procurement. We know that our expertise is vital to the safe operation of nuclear projects, and contributes to better project outcomes, but it's not always easy for SMEs to communicate this effectively to the framework partners, and of course to Sellafield.

"That's why we warmly welcome initiatives such as Swimming with The Big Fish, and we're proud to have achieved Gold status on the programme. We look forward to the opportunities that this will bring as the PPP rollout continues.

"Our solutions contribute directly to the strategic objectives of reducing operational risks and hazards, keeping humans away from harm, and delivering better project outcomes through an open and collaborative approach.

"Our engineering solutions make nuclear handling simpler, safer and more cost-effective. Through new supply chain initiatives such as SWTBF, we hope to support many more projects at Sellafield with our mechanical handling expertise."

"SCX is keen to engage with SMEs based near to Sellafield, to help begin the delivery of our social value programme, in collaboration with local businesses and aligned to Sellafield's needs."



Update on NEWS from Sellafield Ltd

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Local firm Delkia wins multi-million pound contract from Sellafield

Cumbria-based engineering and technology firm Delkia has landed one of the first major packages of work from the multi-billion framework '3Ps' - Programme and Project Partner for Sellafield.

The framework is made up of five major partners, including Sellafield Ltd, Morgan Sindall, Doosan Babcock, KBR and Jacobs Clean Energy, to support on major capital projects at the Sellafield site.

Delkia has won a package for the Sellafield Product and Residue Store Retreatment Plant (SRP), which is a turnkey design, build and test package – to read the full article please click [here](#)

Hexham's RED Engineering wins national nuclear decommissioning innovation award

Hexham based engineering and technology company, RED Engineering, has won a national accolade for the development of a first of a kind robotic system for the handling of hazardous waste at Sellafield.

The DPaCC project was recognised by the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) with the 'Best Creative Innovation Approach' prize at its prestigious supply chain awards.

The DPaCC project saw RED Engineering integrating a modified industrial robot within a secure containment vessel to allow the semi-automated repackaging of nuclear materials.



Company Updates and Announcements

Reminder - for any updates please visit our website [here](#)

Social Media

For business updates and contract opportunities please visit the Sellafield LinkedIn page at <https://www.linkedin.com/company/sellafield-ltd/>

How to access opportunities in our Supply Chain

We welcome contact from suppliers who are able to help us progress safely, at pace and with added value as detailed in our [strategy](#). Sellafield Ltd follows procurement regulations and publicly competes all direct opportunities.

Our website holds all the information on procurement routes, however you can also check for live contract opportunities via our Complete Tender Management system (CTM). Visit [here](#) and click on '**current tender opportunities**' on the left of the home page.

Suppliers can review the latest Procurement Plan schedule which was published on **10 February** on the Sellafield Ltd [website](#) which lists the procurements that will be tendered in the coming months/years.

If your company is an SME then you can also qualify for LINC with Sellafield Ltd, which is a platform that enables SMEs at a local and national level to collaborate and deliver innovative solutions to the mission at Sellafield.

To qualify please log in to CTM and navigate to **RFQ 10536 - LINC Qualification**.

As well as dealing with Sellafield Ltd directly, there are also opportunities to deal with Sellafield Ltd indirectly via one of our 'prime contractors' - [here](#)

We also use national procurement frameworks through Crown Commercial Services: www.crowncommercial.gov.uk

New events

Events

SME Forum

We are delighted to announce that our next SME Forum is scheduled for Monday 28th March at Whitehaven Golf Club, Cumbria.

With attendance from our guest speaker Louise Firby - Head of Group Business Services (GBS).

If you are an **SME** and are interested in attending this forum please book your place via this link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/276875350627>

Places will be limited to one person per organisation and we may not be able to accommodate everyone. However, we will encourage and appreciate a diversified audience.

Game Changers Innovation Festival

Sign up to the first ever Game Changers innovation festival on 11th May at Rosehill Theatre, Whitehaven.

The day will include technology demonstrations, exhibitions and lightning talks. Find out about cutting edge technologies and meet the innovators behind the technology.

Places are limited: [Sign up now to reserve your place](#) and [View the event programme](#).