

Introduction – Susan Lussem, Supply Chain Director

Personal responsibility is about our approach to standards and our pride in doing our job well.

It's about caring for others and coaching those who need help. It's about sharing where our knowledge and experience would support improvement and challenging when safety and others' wellbeing is at threat.

At Sellafield, we all consider safety as a priority everywhere we operate and we consider it our responsibility to influence our partners to practice similar principles.

Meanwhile, I was pleased to have joined Eirini Etoimou at the BECBC AGM, supporting our CEO Martin Chown. We had the opportunity to meet some of our partners which we are sure will be able to meet again soon for further discussions.



We are also able to share in this Bulletin Sellafield Ltd's final position with regard to the SME agenda.

A great result that reflected genuine collaborative working and alignment between Sellafield Ltd's internal divisions and our supply chain.

Moving forward to the new financial year, my team and I are committed to keep supporting the improvement of the supply chain experience.

For this reason we have specific targets to achieve. And we keep discussing and updating you via various fora and communication channels.

Our Overarching Acquisition Strategy has been approved and, as Martin Chown shared during the BECBC, there are numerous opportunities for our supply chain, covering all facets of spending.

Please ensure that you keep visiting the relevant pages to ensure on-time information and action.

Finally, the BECBC awards are approaching, and my team and I are looking forward to celebrating with all of you the winners of this year's awards, and more specifically, the 'Business of the Year' Award, supported by Sellafield Ltd.

SME Agenda – Eirini Etoimou, Head of Supply Chain Development, SRM, Sustainability

We are delighted to share with you the news of our Quarter 4 and Year End position for the SME agenda target.

As we have previously communicated, we have designed, built, and implemented an improvement plan to ensure efficiencies and accuracy on the way the SME spend is reported.

It was clear from the beginning that the purpose of the improvement plan was not the numbers but the substance of the SME Agenda: to do the right thing, to support our SME community and to have all our prime partners aligned to our effort.

One team - eleven Sellafield Ltd's Divisions, NDA Commercial Standards team and more than thirty suppliers - worked together to identify and highlight the best individual and joint practices.

We can report 100% response from all suppliers involved, and the training sessions were beneficial for understanding and further appreciation of a mutual effort.

As a result, we are proud to share that Quarter 4 resulted in 37.8% SME spend and the Year End 2021/22 was 34.25% SME spend, exceeding the 33% target.

I would like to thank my Sellafield colleagues that continue to contribute to the SME agenda, the NDA Commercial Standards team for their exemplar support and of course our supply chain who support the SME agenda delivering stellar results.

Over and above, Susan Lussem who supported us throughout this journey.

We are committed to continue our support to the SME community and rely on everyone's consistent contribution.



Sellafield construction project brings in new digital experience

One of our largest major projects is successfully using digital modelling to accelerate project delivery.

The construction site for our Sellafield Product and Residue Store Retreatment Plant (SRP) has brought in an immersive digital experience called BIM – which stands for Building Information Modelling. For further details click [here](#)

Prime Contractor Spotlight

Cavendish Nuclear Ltd (CNL) has been delivering projects in the nuclear sector for more than forty years and is a long-term supplier on the Sellafield site.

The company has been working collaboratively on several contracts such as: Silo Maintenance Facility; Pile Fuel Cladding Silo (joint venture with Bechtel Management Company Ltd); SRP Project and, since 2012, the Progressive Design Service Alliance (DSA) framework, a 15-year agreement.

Cavendish's Head of Procurement & Supply Chain - NDA & Defence Nikki Watt said: "There have been several significant positive events recently on our projects.

"The Silo Maintenance Facility project won the APM Project of the Year award for Engineering, Construction and Infrastructure and our Thermal Treatment team (DSA) also won the Sellafield Ltd manifesto award for collaboration.

"As an organisation, we are extremely focused on improving how we work with SMEs and, although we are currently working with over 25 SMEs on our projects, we are currently creating an SME collaboration strategy to increase this number.

"It is important to CNL that the supply chain is aware of any upcoming opportunities. Therefore, we include information on procurement contact details and potential projects at various supplier forums."



2022 Engineering & Technology Solutions Exhibition

Wednesday 25 May - Advanced Manufacturing Park, Rotherham

The AMP is where some of the most cutting-edge enhancements in the field of nuclear, aerospace, automotive, medical, environmental and energy technologies are being developed.

Click on the link to find out more - [2022 Engineering & Technology Solutions Exhibition](#)

SME Spotlight

Penny Hydraulics Ltd has been providing lifting and mechanical handling products to a variety of industries for nearly 45 years.

Since 2010 their dedicated division, Penny Nuclear, has been a leading designer and manufacturer of high quality, bespoke equipment for a variety of nuclear customers, including Sellafield.

Penny Nuclear's General Manager, Simon Pykett said: "Over the last 12 years we have built up an incredible wealth of knowledge and experience, delivering projects from simple fabrications right through to nuclear flask lifting beams, 50t powered bogies and even complex 300t waste drum compactors.

We pride ourselves on providing the right equipment to the customer, as well as our exceptional commitment to the QA requirements of any project."

"Penny Nuclear first engaged with Sellafield in 2010, winning a direct contract for the supply of three lifting beams. Working collaboratively, the project was delivered successfully and our in-house procedures aligned with QG2 requirements, putting us in good standing for future contracts, including winning a Sellafield framework for the supply of 800+ drum stillages. This has been a huge success for us.

"Winning this framework has allowed us to upskill our workforce, including qualifying four new welders and introducing in-house Weld Inspection and NDT personnel.

"The largest barrier for us as an SME is maintaining constant project work and having the resource to cope with the peaks and troughs of the industry, whether this be responding to published tenders or managing multiple projects at once.

"By streamlining and standardising our processes, we have been able to free up resource to allow us to focus on project specific details and offer a responsive and efficient service to all of our customers."



Focus on major projects

To kick off a new series of features on major infrastructure projects at Sellafield, we are putting the spotlight on the SIXEP Continuity Project (SCP).

These projects are links in a chain - emptying the legacy facilities through to safely storing waste for decades to come.

SCP, one of the Programme and Project Partners (PPP) key projects, is currently in the construction phase having this year completed the final concrete pour on its foundation slab weeks ahead of schedule.

When complete it will help ensure the continued operation of the Site Ion Exchange Effluent Plant (SIXEP) which removes radioactivity from various site effluent streams before discharge to sea.

SIXEP is one of the key site effluent treatment plants because of the role it plays in treating effluents from High Hazard and Risk Reduction programmes i.e. the First Generation Magnox Storage Pond and the Magnox Swarf Storage Silo.

The existing SIXEP facility has been in operation since 1985, was originally designed to operate for 25 years and will be needed until around 2060. Having SCP will enable us to continue treating effluent waste for decades to come.

The project has two main components: A new build facility to be constructed north of the existing SIXEP facility which will replace the effluent treatment function of SIXEP; Modifications to the existing plant to allow effluent to be diverted to the new facility.

National social value award for Sellafield Ltd

Sellafield Ltd has been highly commended in the National Social Value Awards in the category Public Sector Leadership.

This award recognises organisations that lead the way in embedding social value into their business culture, processes and systems to ensure the needs of their communities are being met.

Tracey West from our social impact team said: "We have done a lot of work with people over recent years and we are really leading the way in how we deliver social value, collaboration being key.

"We have worked on building social impact into our business for some time now and recently re-issued our strategy under the banner of Social Impact Multiplied, known as SiX. The name reflects the amount of work that we have been doing with partners, stakeholders and suppliers to increase the amount of impact our funding and resource delivers in the local communities.

"We describe social impact as the long term effect that our company actions have on people and our community. There is embedded social impact which we achieve through the high level of local employment and our commitment to apprenticeships and graduate programmes. Then there is the additional value delivered through deliberate activities to address social and economic issues in the local community. Receiving this award reinforces the positive impact of our collaborative working in delivering social value."

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 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

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/>

New events

Events

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](#).

NDA's supply chain event

The event was due to take place on 3rd February at The International Centre, Telford, but was postponed due to the ongoing Coronavirus outbreak. This will now be held on **21st July** – click [here](#) for more information.