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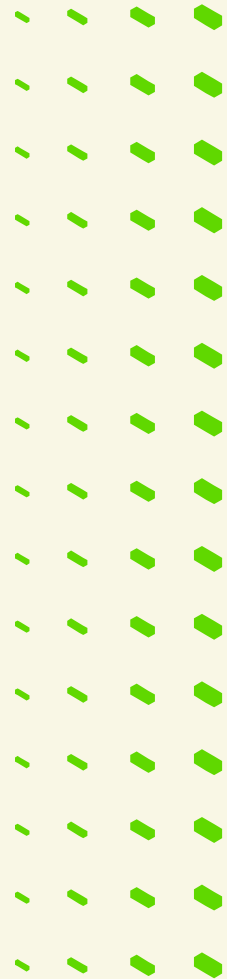
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SME engagement – a strategic priority

- SMEs are critical to delivering NRS' mission
- NDA Group and NRS are committed to increasing SME participation and removing barriers to entry
- A diverse supply chain improves performance
- SME involvement supports local communities and regional economies contributing directly to social value and socio-economic objectives
- Supporting SMEs is about more than targets



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NRS - SME focus

- PA23 introduced to create a simpler, more transparent system and make it easier for SMEs to access public sector opportunities
- NRS identifies opportunities suitable for SMEs and utilises LINC and Reserved Procurement routes to market where appropriate
- Larger suppliers are expected to actively consider SMEs within subcontracting and delivery models

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What is LINC?

Liaise – Innovate – Network – Collaborate

- NRS' commitment to a sustainable SME supply chain
- Goods, works and services
- Simplified commercial process
- Platform to promote SME engagement
- Facilitate collaboration

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LINC Supplier Categories

- **Category 1** - Less than 250 employees and an annual turnover of 50 million Euro's or less.
- **Category 2** - Meets the above criteria but is also part of a wider corporate entity.
- **Support** - Doesn't meet the above stipulations however can support bids i.e. reverse subcontracting.

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Supplier Registration

- Companies only register once
 - More than 500 companies already registered

Link - <https://one-nda.force.com/s/Welcome#>

Reference - C10546 'LINC with Dounreay Registration'

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How does it work?

- Project Teams will put forward a package/problem using the work package engagement form. Commercial will review and issue to the market.
- Companies registered with LINC submit their proposals/bids for evaluation.

Timeline

Minimum evaluation cycle:

- 14 days to submit a proposal/bid
- 7 days evaluation period
- 7 days for approval/Contract award



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