

#### NDA SME Steering Group Cumbria

## Points to cover...

NDA SME Steering Group
NDA National Meetings
CoNE Business Sub-Group
SL Tier 2 Summit – Socio-economics
EPI Report and Feedback
CRED Report
Planning for SMEs and the Supply Chain
The future...



## Cumbria Region?

Understanding of the supply chain capability
Challenges

Isle of Mar

Northern Ireland

England

- SME Tokens
- Lip Service
- Benefits

Authority

- Tier 2 / SME Engagement
- Project Deliver with value added approach through collaboration

Future initiatives – what is that you want?

## National Meetings

- NDA Exec Team
- Key stakeholders
- Feedback and requests through the supply chain and groups
- Sharing Initiatives and encouraging geographic coherence
- Government ask and presence?
  - SME v MicroBusiness

What would you like to ask from central government?

## CoNE Business Sub-Group

- SME Presentation
- Not enough private sector support presently
- Business Plan Approved
  - No Duplication of support or initiatives; use who and what we have already
- Looking for 'Business Support' BECBC and others
- Thoughts required have we got it right?

#### So what's in there? ...

#### • High Level Business Plan (7 Key Areas)

- Identification of SME's-surely not that hard?
- Exporting Opportunities for Nuclear Skills (UKTI White Paper)
- Attractive 'de-risked' areas for start-ups
- Increase sight of opportunities two approaches a) through relationships and B) through mechanistic improved routes
- Increased Capacity in local supply chain
- Procurement Model Changes and Culture Improvement
- Fully Developed financial support plan for SME's and Start-Ups aligning with government agenda
- Welcome 'Positive' Thoughts please!!!

## Sellafield Ltd Tier 2 Summit - Socio-economics

- Expectations from Sellafield Limited
- Challenges from the SME's and the Tier 2 Spend
- Workshop benefits of socio-economics and drawbacks of creating new initiatives and steering groups (private sector led)

• EPI Feedback

• Parents' Evening (Meeting the SMEs)

#### **EPI Feedback**

- Recommendations for best practice in industry
  - SME Engagement Team
  - Monthly Surgery
  - Measure 'accurate' spends on Tier 2
  - Meet the buyer Event blind date orientated
  - Supplier Portal Pre-vetting suppliers
  - Simple T & C's
  - More procurement opportunities directly with SME's leading to 'easier access'
  - Mandatory subcontracting process To Encourage Tier 2 spend indirectly with SMEs
  - Project bank accounts
  - Improve the accuracy of spend reporting and the value added

# SME Action Plan(s)

- 12 18 Months of Planning
- Nuclear Industry slow to respond or execute?
- Start of realisation phase
- Numbers benchmarked but what's the feel – step change or not?
- CRED Report
- Feedback is good to have steering group but feel well....

## The Future of SMEs

- Still on government agenda and will be
- Regionalization still key across UK
- SME Agenda / Group has it made a difference to you – if not why not? Have you been involved? Do you want to be involved? Change required or just implement the action plan?
- What about the future of Tier 2s Impact consideration?

#### Thank for Your time!

#### Questions & Answers ???

