

## Introduction – Susan Lussem, Supply Chain Director

In this month's edition I'm delighted to highlight two contract awards that will result in additional investment in the local West Cumbrian community – Romar Innovate and Iron Mountain.

Also, in this edition is a feature on Sellafield being nominated for three categories in the CIPS Excellence in Procurement Awards. This is an excellent achievement.

There is an article on the Engineering Centre of Excellence, and I look forward to visiting the facility soon to see first-hand the exciting initiatives taking place. I'm also pleased to read about the work of our Tier 2s and SMEs, and we will feature some of our other partners in future editions.

As I referenced in the last edition of the Bulletin, the advice to 'work from home if you can' will soon be lifted and we can all start returning to the workplace in a phased return approach.

This is another period of significant change and I'll provide a progress update next month on this important phase.

Take care and as always, any questions please contact [supply.chain.enquiries@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:supply.chain.enquiries@sellafieldsites.com)

## Triple awards boost for Sellafield's supply chain approach

Sellafield Ltd has been nominated for three prestigious national awards – and we're in good company.

We'll be competing with organisations including AstraZeneca, Formula1, and the Government's vaccines taskforce in the CIPS Excellence in Procurement awards.

Our nominations are in the following categories:

- best supplier relationship management initiative
- best response to supply chain resilience in a crisis
- public procurement project of the year

Susan Lussem, Sellafield Ltd Supply Chain Director, said: "These nominations are fantastic recognition for the company.

"The CIPS awards really are the gold standard for our industry; the incredible diversity and quality of other shortlisted organisations is testament to that.

"I'd like to thank everyone who contributed, particularly our fantastic supply chain. Our success would not be possible without you."

Winners will be announced at a gala awards ceremony at London's Grosvenor Hotel on 22 September.

Our nomination in the 'best supplier relationship management initiative' recognises a collaboration with supplier management specialists State of Flux.

Launched in January 2018, the programme has grown into a market leader and now manages 19 relationships, accounting for projects worth approximately £900m.

Our Covid-19 response led to our nomination in the 'best response to supply chain resilience in a crisis'.

## Triple awards boost for Sellafield's supply chain approach (continued)

During the pandemic, we were able to ensure all of our supply lines were maintained, which allowed our internationally important mission to progress safely and securely. Additionally, we supported the local response in Cumbria and Warrington with PPE donations and release of personnel to volunteer in their communities.

Finally, Sellafield's Programme and Project Partners (PPP) was named a finalist in the 'public procurement project of the year' award.

PPP is described by CIPS as 'an unparalleled opportunity to deliver up to £7bn of critical national infrastructure differently over a 20-year partnership'.

CIPS, short for the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply, is the professional body for the procurement and supply profession.

## SME spotlight

Safelift Offshore Ltd are primarily focused on the design, engineering and manufacture of a highly varied specialist range of material handling equipment.

Hugh Ramsay of Safelift said: "We possess the necessary resources and skill sets to develop bespoke solutions. We are experienced in overcoming challenges associated with potentially hazardous work environments.

"We deliver expertise & equipment solutions for use connected to the following application categories:

- Access
- Environmental Control
- Handling, Hoisting
- Materials Storage & Transportation
- Waste Management

"Our core design philosophy is based on the simplicity of use of a product and ease of its on-going inspection and maintenance. We can assure compliance with complex requirements stemming from customer, classification society or regulatory body codes and standards. We strive to meet and exceed customer expectation thresholds in demanding business environments.

"We're indirectly involved in the Sellafield supply chain via the Tier 2 Suppliers contracts framework structure

"We have had success in supplying products into the Decommissioning Delivery Partnership (DDP) programme through the i3 Decommissioning Partners organisation via one of their member companies.

"The principal barriers we've had to overcome is gain better understanding of the contracting landscape, which appears relatively complex for the uninitiated. Followed by then creating a sufficient level of awareness of our experience and capabilities among the individual project delivery teams or entities. Engagement with the SME Forum has been of significant value in this respect."

## Tier 2 spotlight on ADAPT

ADAPT - comprising Orano, Doosan and Atkins - is a non-integrated joint venture contracted to Sellafield Ltd within Lot 1 of the Decommissioning Delivery Partnership (DDP) framework. The key focus is to provide Sellafield with ADAPT's full range of capabilities and solutions spanning all aspects of decommissioning and waste management from the partners combined experience of serving the nuclear sector for over 50 years.

ADAPT is currently supporting the following range of decommissioning focused projects:

DDP Project	Delivery Scope and Expertise Deployed
Windscale Pile 1 Chimney (Diffuser, Barrel, SPIDA platform)	Demolition of existing structure and waste removal
Pile 1 (Fuel & Isotope) Waste Retrievals	Study and trials of retrieval solutions
Redundant Active Handling Facility	Study of decommissioning solutions
WAGR Mortuary Tubes	Retrieval of waste
Technical Support to Thorp POCO	Sharing of partner technical expertise
Electrical Distribution Category	Design and delivery of LV system upgrades
SIXEP Cooling Tower Replacement Project	Demolition and replacement of existing cooling towers
Borehole Monitoring projects	Support to groundwater monitoring and sub-structure investigations
Waste management tasks supporting Beta Gamma projects	Waste collection and removal operations

ADAPT's supply chain currently includes a mix of SMEs and larger organisations to suit the nature of the expertise and experience required to support its project delivery portfolio, and includes: O'Connor Fencing Ltd, DSD Construction Ltd, PPS Electrical Limited, Balfour Beatty Kilpatrick, Process Pipework Services, KDC, Mammoet UK, PC Richardson, Kaefer, Stobarts Ltd.

Paul Terry, ADAPT Framework Manager said: "ADAPT procures suppliers through one of the Joint Venture Partners and aims to ensure efficient delivery by balancing continuity of work for our own team members, supplemented by organisations from within the supply chain of all three partner companies.

"Engagement with the supply chain is normally undertaken at industry events and local forums where relationships are developed, and often SME companies are invited to share their capabilities via specific presentations to the ADAPT team.

"A list of trusted suppliers has developed over time based on performance, however ADAPT is always interested to learn more from organisations that are able to enhance solutions that ADAPT can offer to Sellafield."

The below image illustrates the B6 Chimney with tower crane.



## Sellafield suppliers invest in Cumbria

Two Sellafield Ltd supply chain companies are growing their businesses in West Cumbria after winning new contracts.

Iron Mountain, the storage and information management services company, has unveiled a new office and increased its workforce as part of the expansion.

The firm's new base at Hensingham Business Park, Whitehaven, that will carry out scanning and archiving of engineering documents, will increase its local workforce from 36 to 61 employees.

The scale and complexity of the project allowed scope for the company to expand its West Cumbria operation. Find out more [here](#).

Meanwhile, Romar Innovate has won a £30 million contract to provide personal protective equipment across the NDA group.

The Cleator Moor based company will provide services to NDA sites across the UK, including Sellafield, that will unlock additional investment in its West Cumbria operation.

This underlines Sellafield Ltd's ability to leverage opportunity for its local community through its supply chain strategy. For further details click [here](#).

## Export Grants for SMEs

The Department for International Trade has launched its new Internationalisation Fund for eligible businesses in England. The fund is designed to support businesses looking to grow their international trade.

SMEs can apply for match-funded grants of between £1,000 and £9,000 which will be available for proposed future activities (subject to eligibility).

To secure a grant, the business will need to fund a proportion of the costs itself. This varies according to where your business is based and will be up to 50% of the total cost.

Funding is subject to availability within local regions, and will be prioritised for businesses who can demonstrate they have high export potential. The fund is supported by the European Regional Development Fund.

Cumbrian SMEs can contact their local adviser

[Sarah.Peak@tradenw.org](mailto:Sarah.Peak@tradenw.org) or visit

<https://www.great.gov.uk/campaigns/internationalisation-fund-for-english-businesses/>

## Supply Chain Mapping

As mentioned in previous bulletins, Sellafield Ltd has partnered with Resilinc Corporation for the provision of supply chain risk management and monitoring software. This will enable us to have greater understanding of the depth of our supply chain – along with the associated opportunities and risks.

Some of our Tier 2 partners have already been entering their sub-tier supply chain information into the Resilinc supplier portal and this is progressing well. As part of the progression of Resilinc we have now enabled 'supplier impact notifications'. This allows the Resilinc software to alert us to a risk event that could affect our supply chain based on location across the globe. This could be natural hazards such as floods and earthquakes, port closures, and human health risks, along with others. A well as notifying us, where contact details are in the Resilinc system, it will also send an email to suppliers which allows the user to click 'yes' or 'no' buttons to confirm if they have any potential impact.

It is extremely helpful if suppliers receive such an email to respond as it helps us to understand the potential impact to our supply chain (at multiple tiers) and work collaboratively with suppliers to implement responses if required.

If you have questions about how we utilise Resilinc or how it may impact on you please email [supply.chain.enquiries@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:supply.chain.enquiries@sellafieldsites.com)

## Warrington Business Continuity Arrangements

Sellafield Ltd are looking for business continuity support from our suppliers who have accommodation based in Warrington. We are undertaking an optioneering exercise for the most suitable locations that meet the following key criteria:

- Available on short notice (circa. 5 minutes from an incident occurring at Hinton House);
- Available for a maximum period of circa. 2 hours;
- Be near Hinton House (this is dependent on the incident type);
- Able to accommodate up to 25 people (1,000 – 1,700 sqft) in a single room or two interconnecting rooms;
- Instant connectivity to WiFi to ensure communication between incident team and wider staff;
- Have access to welfare facilities (toilets)

We are proposing a reciprocal arrangement with our suppliers as the benefits of this would:

- Continue our collaborative working relationships;
- Negate the cost of renting/hiring additional space;
- Enable critical activities to continue from both a Sellafield and a supply chain perspective;

If you think your organisation can support the Sellafield business continuity arrangements, we look forward to hearing from you.

Please contact Sarah Bennett, Senior Property Specialist at [sarah.bennett@sellafieldsites.com](mailto:sarah.bennett@sellafieldsites.com)

## Modern Slavery Act - Annual Statement

This statement is made in accordance with section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and covers the financial year from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.

As a business, Sellafield Ltd recognise their responsibility to be aware of the risks of modern slavery within their own organisation and supply chain.

Sellafield Ltd's annual slavery and human trafficking statement for 2020/21 can be viewed [here](#)

## Events

On 13 January 2021, John Berry will be speaking at two different supply chain events.

In the morning he is delivering a session for [Cumbria Growth Hub](#), advising Cumbrian businesses how to access opportunities in the supply chain. This will be supported by a live case study featuring Whitehaven based Cumbria Operations & Maintenance Services.

The afternoon event is the first in a series of 'In the Know' sessions led by the [Nuclear Industry Association](#). The attendees will hear John's thoughts on 'What does a good supplier look like' before deeper exploration and feedback from the wider group.

## Contract Opportunities

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 26 May 2021 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 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 'Tier 2' suppliers - [here](#)

We also use national procurement frameworks through Crown Commercial Services: [www.crowncommercial.gov.uk](http://www.crowncommercial.gov.uk)

## Company Updates and Announcements

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