Update on the GoCo Procurement and Next Contract

OCNI Suppliers Day

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Why a Procurement Process

- CNL has been managed since September of 2015 by Canadian National Energy Alliance (CNEA), a consortium made up of three partner companies – AtkinsRéalis, Jacobs Engineering and Fluor Federal Services – under a contract that will expire in September of 2025.
- AECL has launched a competitive process to continue the management and operation of CNL beyond that date.



What to Expect

CNL is an 'enduring entity', meaning that the contractor that manages CNL can come and go, but CNL remains.

- CNL remains the employer of the workforce, licensee and enduring entity
- What may change is the ownership of CNL (currently CNEA)
- Ongoing work, projects and priorities of CNL remain
- Stability in CNL workforce to deliver on initiatives and existing plans
- Contracts that CNL has in place remain with CNL

Objectives for Next Contract: Three Missions

 Science & Technology: Strengthen CNL's role as Canada's National Nuclear Laboratories, pursue collaborations and partnerships, and advance nuclear innovation for the public good. Grow third party commercial services and revenue

 Decommissioning & Waste Management: Optimize decommissioning, environmental remediation and waste management activities to reduce AECL liabilities

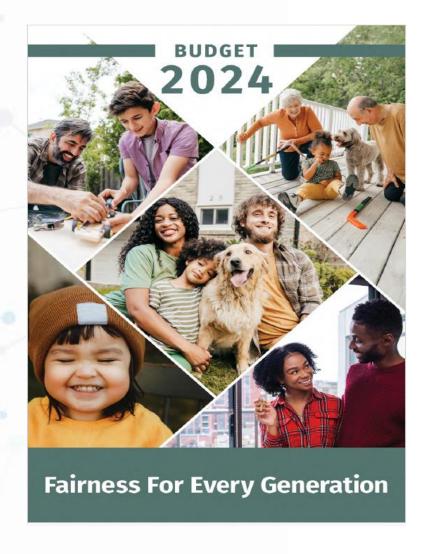
 Chalk River Revitalization: Deliver an integrated, optimally configured capital expenditure and asset management program



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Government Funding

- Government of Canada in Budget 2024 announced funding over 11 years to AECL to enable work at CNL
- Level of funding allows us to deliver on existing plans
- Increased levels of funding across the board in S&T, capital and DWM





*AECL Where we are in the Procurement Process



The Request for Expression of Interest issued September 2022 to solicit input and feedback from interested parties on various elements of a potential competitive procurement process to manage Canadian Nuclear Laboratories under a GoCo model.



The Request for Pre-Qualification and Draft Request for Proposal stage

- Qualification, confirm that mandatory technical criteria, financial capability requirements, security requirements, and integrity criteria are met to be deemed a Qualified Respondent.
- Detailed consultations, draft Request for Proposal and form of contract made available for feedback from Qualified Respondents.

The Final Request for Proposal stage

• Only Qualified Respondents from the Request for Pre-Qualification stage will be eligible to submit bids in the Final Request for Proposal stage. Bids will typically be evaluated against rated criteria.



Contract Finalization Stage and Transition-In/Out stage

- Selection of the Preferred Bidder
- Preferred Bidder Agreement is signed followed by overlap of Transition-In/Out activities between incumbent and awardee



Schedule + Next Steps

Date	Milestone
March 31, 2023	Release of the Request for Pre-Qualification
Fall 2023 – Spring 2024	Engage Qualified Respondents in discussions on draft Request for Proposal
December 2023	Publish draft Statement of Work – public comment period open to end of January 2024
January – March 2024	Site tours for Qualified Respondents
Spring 2024	Release Final Request for Proposal (not a public document)
Spring/Summer 2024	Bid Preparation (Qualified Respondents)
Fall 2024 – Spring 2025	Bid Evaluation (AECL)
Spring/Summer 2025	Selection of Preferred Bidder
	Contract Award and Transition-In

*AECL Looking forward: Transition

- There will be some changes, things we know will change:
 - contractor resources
- Things we know won't change:
 - CNL remains the employer of the workforce and licensee
 - Existing plans remain—bolstered by new government funding
 - Expect stability in the workforce to deliver on those plans
 - Supply chain contracts that CNL has in place remain with CNL
- Transition to focus on continuity of operations, stability
 - Existing projects, and plans will continue
 - AECL is working with CNL to prepare transition in/out plan, with knowledge transfer period for incoming contractor

