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Tender

BAS Helicopter Charter

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

UKRI-5021

Description

The purpose of this contract is to charter a helicopter to be stationed aboard the RRS Sir David Attenborough, in order to conduct scientific research along the coast of Greenland.

Total value (estimated)

- £350,000 excluding VAT
- £420,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 23 February 2026 to 31 August 2026
- Possible extension to 30 September 2026
- 7 months, 6 days

Description of possible extension:

Extension of 1 month to allow for potential delays such as weather issues or mechanical issues.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60424120 - Hire of helicopters with crew

Contract locations

- GL - Greenland

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

19 January 2026, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

2 February 2026, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please note the following steps for accessing this opportunity via the Atamis eSourcing platform:

https://ukri2.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend_CS_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a1MTm000009T7AbMAK&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County=

1. Log in or create an account here: <https://ukri2.my.site.com>
2. Navigate to the opportunity in the Find an Opportunity section of the site or via the direct access link above.
3. Select Register Interest (you will not be able to view the tender documentation without registering an interest).
4. Go back to the main menu and navigate to the My Proposals and Quotes section of the site.
5. Select the opportunity from the list. Tender Documents for download are found in the Documents tab.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

9 February 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	70.00%
Cost	Cost	30.00%

Other information**Description of risks to contract performance**

Risks include weather abnormalities, mechanical issues and personnel issues.

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government