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## **UKRI-5676 Equipment Hire Agreement**

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

UKRI-5676

### **Description**

Support and Maintenance for ARTEMIS system quantum computer hosted at RAL. Lessor shall provide software support in terms of bug fixes and occasional updates to Software. Software Support Services will be provided via remote call or email.

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## **Contract 1. UKRI-5676 Equipment Hire Agreement**

## **Supplier**

- Aegiq Ltd

## **Contract value**

- £320,300 excluding VAT
- £384,360 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

6 February 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 9 February 2026 to 8 February 2027
- 1 year

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 72261000 - Software support services

## **Contract locations**

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

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## Participation

### Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Direct award

### Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

This contract has been awarded directly to Aegiq Ltd as they are the original designer and manufacturer of the ARTEMIS photonic quantum computer delivered to NQCC under the

SBRI Testbeds funding call. The system is a bespoke, one-off research asset that relies on proprietary technology and Aegiq-specific expertise. Aegiq Ltd is the only supplier technically capable of providing the required support and maintenance services. Continued support is essential to ensure ongoing operation, benchmarking and exploitation of the system and to maximise the benefits of the Testbeds investment. A direct award is therefore justified for technical reasons.

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## Supplier

### Aegiq Ltd

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PMLB-8284-LPDP

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Sheffield

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United Kingdom

Email: [hello@aegiq.com](mailto:hello@aegiq.com)

Region: UKE32 - Sheffield

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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## Contracting authority

### UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

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Region: UKK14 - Swindon

Organisation type: Public authority - central government