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Contract

## **UKRI-4610 Eclipse Suite RAL Space 2025-30**

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e9a3

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

UK Research & Innovation

Science & Technology Facilities Council, Polaris House

Swindon

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STFC Procurement

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKK14 - Swindon

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.ukri.org](http://www.ukri.org)

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Research

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-4610 Eclipse Suite RAL Space 2025-30

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

UK Research and Innovation, Science and Technology Facility Centre had a requirement for the Eclipse system.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: £460,140.81

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Main site or place of performance

Oxfordshire

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

UK Research and Innovation, Science and Technology Facility Centre had a requirement for the Eclipse system. Expression of Interest advertised during December 2024 and only 1 supplier can fulfil the requirement, which is the current supplier.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

#### **II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Serco is the only supplier of the Eclipse system and Eclipse is the only document management system which integrates NCRs and Actions as concluded by the tender action which determined our use of Eclipse from 2017. Significant advantages accrue from our use of Eclipse because it is widely used across the European space industry. ESA uses it on all its large projects, and it is also used by all the prime contractors in Europe (Airbus Defence and Space, Thales Alenia Space, and OHB) who are the immediate customers for many of our projects. Eclipse provides specific functionality for the easy export and import of collections of records and files between different instances of the tool suite; loading information into customer and ESA instances of Eclipse is required on multiple large projects in RAL Space and being able to do so natively from our own Eclipse server makes this straightforward and significantly improves our efficiency.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

12 February 2025

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

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Country

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NUTS code

- UKJ36 - Central Hampshire

National registration number

00242246

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £460,140.81

Total value of the contract/lot: £460,140.81

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

Procurement Contract Transparency Data: Redacted contract documents will be made available within the next 30 days on the UKRI website at: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/procurement-contract-transparency-data/>

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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