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Tender

UKRI-5440 - Control Systems for Superconducting Quantum Computing Research

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

C0832

Description

The UK's National Quantum Computing Centre (NQCC) plans to build and scale quantum computers based on superconducting circuit qubits for its research activities.

This tender is for the purchase of one (1) superconducting qubit control system in the first instance, with the option to procure additional compatible systems and associated upgrades over the contract duration (up to five years) to support the ongoing scaling of NQCC's quantum computing platforms and related research and development activity.

The control system must enable NQCC researchers to measure and control superconducting multi-qubit systems for experimental research in quantum error correction for superconducting quantum computing. A suitable control system solution that can be scaled and upgraded over the contract term while maintaining technical compatibility will accelerate NQCC's research programme in superconducting quantum

computing.

Total value (estimated)

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 March 2026 to 30 March 2027
- Possible extension to 30 March 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The initial contract period will be twelve (12) months with a maximum spend of 1 million Pounds sterling (£1,000,000). with the option to extend on an annual basis for up to four (4) years.

The estimated total value of the contract is up to five million pounds sterling (£5,000,000), exclusive of VAT, over a maximum term of five (5) years.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Additional QB systems

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 31700000 - Electronic, electromechanical and electrotechnical supplies

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

24 February 2026, 2:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 March 2026, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

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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)

13 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical & Quality	Quality	60.00%

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	40.00%

Other information

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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