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Award

UKRI?5756 5-axis CNC mill

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

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Description

UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) intends to make a direct award for the purchase of a 5-axis machining centre required to support operational and technical activities at the UK Astronomy Technology Centre.

Contract 1. UKRI?5756 5-axis CNC mill

Supplier

- Haas Automation Limited

Contract value

- £248,475 excluding VAT
- £298,170 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 February 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 19 February 2026 to 20 March 2026
- 1 month, 2 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 42000000 - Industrial machinery

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

none

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The required 5-axis machining centre must be fully compatible with the existing CNC equipment and CAM programming environment used by the UK Astronomy Technology Centre. Maintaining commonality of control systems, tooling, and machine programmes is essential for operational efficiency, technician safety, and the continued use of an established programme library built over more than a decade. The replacement machine is needed to restore capacity lost due to persistent failures in the outgoing unit. Market review indicates that alternative mid-range machines do not meet the required control-system compatibility necessary for seamless integration with existing operations.

Supplier

Haas Automation Limited

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government