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Planning

UKRI-4763 NERC - Aircraft Operations Safety Case Development for British Antarctic Survey and FAAM Airborne Laboratory

UK Research & Innovation

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Scope

Description

UKRI is seeking to appoint a supplier to provide Aircraft Operations Safety Case Development for the British Antarctic Survey and FAAM Airborne Laboratory with defined timescales for clearly outlined deliverables.

This procurement will result in appointing a supplier via a contract for external aviation safety expertise to:

- to assist in authoring fully developed aircraft operations safety cases for UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) owned aircraft and all science equipment carried on board, and;
- to develop safety case processes and supporting procedures to enable further subsequent development and review in-house.

UKRI owned aircraft are as below.

British Antarctic Survey (BAS)

- one De-Havilland Canada (DCH) DASH 7;
- four DHC Twin Otters (DHC 6-300); and
- one future replacement aircraft De-Havilland Canada DASH 8.

Facility for Airborne Atmospheric Measurements (FAAM):

- one BAE 146-301.

The aircraft operate in non-standard environments, such as low altitude (FAAM) and the Antarctic/Arctic (BAS) and scientific communities a means to conduct cutting edge climate research.

The UKRI Framework Document sets out safety and governance responsibilities with regards to delivery of National Capabilities: FAAM Airborne Laboratory and British Antarctic Survey. To fulfil those responsibilities, the AAP was set up to oversee the management of aviation risk within these air operations. It was agreed that a safety case methodology would be followed, in line with best practice and a Goal Structure Notation (GSN) safety case method was elected. Evidence exists to support these safety cases, though gaps exist.

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Total value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 June 2025 to 17 June 2027
- 2 years, 2 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 34711400 - Special-purpose aircraft
- 60444000 - Aircraft-operation services
- 71317200 - Health and safety services
- 71317210 - Health and safety consultancy services
- 79417000 - Safety consultancy services
- 80330000 - Safety education services
- 80550000 - Safety training services

Contract locations

- UKK14 - Swindon

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 April 2025

Enquiry deadline

2 May 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

16 May 2025, 1:00am

Submission address and any special instructions

delta-esourcing.com

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 May 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical/quality	Long criteria description	Quality	50%
Price	Long criteria description	Price	40%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Social Value	Long criteria description	Quality	10%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)
- Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government