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Tender

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

UK Research & Innovation

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Internet address(es)

Main address

www.nerc.org

Buyer's address

www.ukri.org

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Health-and-safety-services./Q74N4PJ8G3>

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[services./Q74N4PJ8G3](#)

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

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

Reference number

UKRI-4763

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 71317200 - Health and safety services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short 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.

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71317210 - Health and safety consultancy services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKK14 - Swindon

Main site or place of performance

Swindon

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Quality / Weighting: 50

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £500,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

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

II.2.14) Additional information

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2025/S 000-011420](#)

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

16 May 2025

Local time

2:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

16 May 2025

Local time

2:00pm

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.3) Additional information

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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