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

UK Research & Innovation

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-015576

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-04f92e

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

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

UK Research & Innovation

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**Region code**

UKK14 - Swindon

**National registration number**

PDQJ-7126-JDHG

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

Buyer's address

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

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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#### **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-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

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## 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

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## **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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