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Contract

## **UKRI-2369 Hawaii Offshore Drilling Project**

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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

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Main 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-2369 Hawaii Offshore Drilling Project

Reference number

UKRI-2369

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 76320000 - Offshore drilling services

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The British Geological Survey, acting on behalf of the European Consortium for Ocean Research Drilling, requires a marine remote seafloor drilling capability and suitable vessel to operate offshore Hawaii for a scientific drilling and coring campaign for a period of up to 2 months between August and October 2023.

#### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

#### **II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)**

Value excluding VAT: 14,493,709 USD

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 76340000 - Core drilling
- 45262422 - Subsea drilling work
- 43124900 - Rock-drilling equipment
- 34514000 - Floating or submersible drilling or production platforms

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- US - United States

Main site or place of performance

United States

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The contractor must be able to supply the full operational spread including a remote seafloor drill rig, the vessel, and all the personnel required to operate the spread, The seafloor drill rig must be capable of rotary rock coring to at least 110m below seafloor in water depths of 100m to 1300m.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Quality / Weighting: 70

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

### **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

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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: [2022/S 000-032094](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

UKRI-2369

### **Title**

Hawaii Offshore Drilling Project

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 June 2023

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

**V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor**

Benthic USA LLC

1805 Brittmoore Road

Houston

Texas 7704

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

National registration number

N/A

Internet address

<https://acteon.com/geo-services/benthic>

The contractor is an SME

No

**V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)**

Total value of the contract/lot: 14,493,709 USD

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### 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. Procurement Contract Transparency Data: Redacted contract documents will be made available within the next 30 days on the UKRI website at: <https://www.ukri.org/about-us/procurement-contract-transparency-data>

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### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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