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Planning

UKRI-4464 BAS - Pillow Style Cargo Flex Fuel Bladders

UK Research & Innovation

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Scope

Description

BAS operates tractor traverse to large science projects covering 3,000 to 4,000 miles of unprepared snow. Typically, Tractor Traverse will transport 250,000 litres of fuel along with heavy equipment, supported by high molecular weight polyethylene sheets.

The fuel bladders in question are pillow style. BAS has an on-going requirement for this type of fuel bladder.

Tractor traverse platform is capable of transporting a significant quantity of fuel in fuel bladders and science cargo, most of which is supported by high molecular weight polyethylene sheets. A significant benefit of this system is that this traverse system, can transport heavy individual components that cannot otherwise be deployed.

It is likely that BAS will require 73 fuel bladders over a five-year period with the first 4 units being required before the end of August 2025

Deploying fuel bladders represents a significant saving over transporting fuel via air, also bladders represent a significant cost saving in terms of fuel efficiency during towing. These bladders being lighter than their stainless counterparts.

Bladders must be available for BAS shipping arrangements commencing in Autumn (August) each year.

Regarding possible environmental impact to storing and hauling fuel over the Antarctic continent a rigorous full-scale test must be carried out on any new unproven system by a third party at no expense to BAS.

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Total value (estimated)

- £556,379.82 excluding VAT
- £667,655.78 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 June 2025 to 3 June 2029
- Possible extension to 3 June 2030

- 5 years, 2 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 44610000 - Tanks, reservoirs, containers and pressure vessels
- 44611410 - Oil-storage tanks

Contract locations

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 May 2025

Engagement process description

If you are interested in attending, please message via the portal your interest via the portal referencing the UKRI reference number on the below link, no later than 25/04/2025.

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/respond/HN7AXWE734>

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

10 May 2025

Contracting authority

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