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## **UKRI-2830 - BAS Antarctic Bases and Ship Satellite Internet Connectivity**

UK Research & Innovation

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

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

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**I.3) Communication**

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Other activity

Scientific Research

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-2830 - BAS Antarctic Bases and Ship Satellite Internet Connectivity

Reference number

UKRI-2830

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

- 64200000 - Telecommunications services

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

Services

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

Satellite data connectivity for British Antarctic Survey vessels and stations. Engagement is sought with suppliers as to options for connectivity.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £3,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

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

- 64214100 - Satellite circuit rental services
- 32530000 - Satellite-related communications equipment

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

NUTS codes

- AQ - Antarctica

Main site or place of performance

Antarctica

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

The British Antarctic Survey (BAS) operates 5 Antarctic stations and the research vessel the RRS Sir David Attenborough. To ensure safe, efficient operation data connectivity is required. Due to the remote locations, satellite data services are required. Currently services are provided through a VSAT connection, however with the evolution of service options (i.e. Low Earth Orbit (LEO) connections) BAS is looking at options for future services including VSAT/LEO/Bandwidth Management and WAN integration and proposals for alternative options.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

A remote industry engagement event via Zoom, is to be held on 20th October at 10am - 12pm to set out our requirements, indicative timetable and to encourage input from industry as to likely options and solutions and potential costs. Interested attendees should email [BASProcurement@ukri.org](mailto:BASProcurement@ukri.org) for an invitation and link for attendance.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

1 March 2024

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

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