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Contract

## **UKRI-4185 BAS Gateway Agency in Punta Arenas**

UK Research & Innovation

F03: Contract award notice

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

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

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Main address

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

**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-4185 BAS Gateway Agency in Punta Arenas

Reference number

UKRI-4185

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 63000000 - Supporting and auxiliary transport services; travel agencies services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

## Services

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

UKRI wishes to establish a framework agreement (Agreement) for the provision of a Gateway Agency in Punta Arenas.

The purpose of this procurement is to appoint a supplier to support the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) in delivering a broad range of services. The framework will be set up to appoint a single Supplier who will act as the main provider.

BAS operates out of Punta Arenas as its primary gateway for servicing Rothera Research Station in Antarctica, as a port and as a base for aircraft operations. A gateway agent is an essential part of this operation, carrying out the duties described in detail below, facilitating BAS operations through Punta Arenas.

This Agreement is for a duration of 2+1+1 years.

The full scope of the services that will be undertaken during the Agreement period is not known, and therefore no guarantee can be given as to the actual amount or type of work that may be ordered during the Agreement period.

### **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: 5,500,000 USD

## **II.2) Description**

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

NUTS codes

- CL - Chile

Main site or place of performance

Chile

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

UKRI wishes to establish a framework agreement (Agreement) for the provision of a Gateway Agency in Punta Arenas.

The full technical specification for this procurement can be found in the tender documents. It is essential that this Appendix is fully read, understood and assessed when considering this opportunity.

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Quality / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Social Value / Weighting: 10

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 30

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The Framework duration shall be for a period of two-years with optional extensions of two, one-year periods from commencement of the Contract (2+1+1).

### **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**

The maximum value of the framework agreement is: \$5,500,000.00 (excluding VAT) over the full 4-year term.

Please note there is no guarantee of spend under this Agreement and all subsequent work will be issued on a call off basis once works have been identified.

The currency is \$USD.

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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: [2024/S 000-038496](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 June 2025

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

Number of tenders received: 3

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: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

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

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The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: 5,500,000 USD

Total value of the contract/lot: 5,500,000 USD

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.3) Additional information

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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