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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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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Other activity

Research

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.

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](#)

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

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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