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Tender

UKRI-4507 Satellite Internet For BAS Ships and Stations

UK Research & Innovation

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Scope

Description

UKRI wishes to establish a Contract for the provision of Satellite Internet for British Antarctic Survey's Ships and Stations.

BAS has a need to maintain it's uncontended, "always on" communication channels between Antarctica and Cambridge.

The connection enables VoIP phone calls, scientific data transfers, remote management of IT systems, online research, use of centralised business systems, access to safety management systems, online flight following and access to essential meteorological information amongst other systems.

BAS operates two different communication networks, one Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) and one Geostationary Earth Orbiting (GEO). The LEO satellite connection is the main service that BAS uses, with the GEO connection in place as a backup should the LEO connection fail.

The requirement is structured into two separate lots:

Lot 1 relates to the GEO based service

Lot 2 relates to the LEO based service.

Suppliers may bid for one, or both lots.

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Total value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 31 August 2027
- Possible extension to 31 August 2029
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

The Contract duration shall be for a period of 2 years (with 2 optional extensions of 1 year) from commencement of the Contract.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 72212200 - Networking, Internet and intranet software development services
- 72212220 - Internet and intranet software development services

Contract locations

- AQ - Antarctica
 - UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC
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Lot LOT 1. Geostationary Earth Orbiting (GEO) connection

Description

The requirement of this Lot is for a fully integrated GEO system.

Full details of the requirement can be found in the Procurement Documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,200,000 excluding VAT
- £1,440,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot LOT 2. Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) connection

Description

The requirement of this Lot is for a maritime and terrestrial LEO broadband solution.

Full details of the requirement can be found in the Procurement Documents.

Lot value (estimated)

- £800,000 excluding VAT
- £960,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot LOT 1. Geostationary Earth Orbiting (GEO) connection

Lot LOT 2. Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) connection

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

14 July 2025, 12:00am

Tender submission deadline

21 July 2025, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Lot 1 - <https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/respond/3E93HP8GZZ>

Lot 2 - <https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/respond/59U38D5T23>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

31 July 2025

Award criteria

Lot LOT 1. Geostationary Earth Orbiting (GEO) connection

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical/Quality	Quality	55%
Price	Price	35%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Lot LOT 2. Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) connection

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	45%
Technical / Quality	Quality	45%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)