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## **UKRI-4507 Satellite Internet For BAS Ship and Stations**

UK Research & Innovation

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

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

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**Region code**

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**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**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

Research

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1) Title**

UKRI-4507 Satellite Internet For BAS Ship and Stations

Reference number

UKRI-4507

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 64214100 - Satellite circuit rental services

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

Services

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

The British Antarctic Survey (BAS) is looking for satellite communication services to allow for internet connections onboard the RRS Sir David Attenborough as well as the research stations. This is a split requirement, 1 lot within the procurement will be for a Geostationary Earth Orbit satellite connection (GEO) and the other lot is for a Low Earth Orbit connection (LEO).

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

Value excluding VAT: £1,750,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 2

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Where the same supplier is the successful bidder wins both lots, they will be combined into 1 contract.

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

UKRI-4507 Lot 1

Lot No

Lot 1

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

- 64214100 - Satellite circuit rental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Cambridgeshire CC

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

Supply of Geostationary Earth Orbit Satellite (GEO) Internet services, including supply of hardware when required, across all BAS Antarctic sites and the RRS Sir David Attenborough ship.

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

#### **II.2.1) Title**

UKRI-4507 Lot 2

Lot No

Lot 2

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

- 64214100 - Satellite circuit rental services

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

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Cambridgeshire CC

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

The supply of Low Earth Orbit (LEO) internet services, across all BAS Antarctic sites and the RRS Sir David Attenborough vessel.

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

1 January 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**

Lot 1 of this procurement, the Geostationary Earth Orbit connection, will potentially include a refresh of our existing hardware, however BAS is unsure of the extent of how much equipment, if any, will need to be replaced. Potential bidders are to access the equipment list through the e-sourcing platform, and confirm if their services will work with our existing equipment, or if it needs replacing. The deadline for this request for information exercise is the 16th of December 2024. The information gathered from this exercise will be used for the upcoming tender, due to go live towards the end of December or the beginning of January.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://ukri.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Swindon:-Satellite-circuit-rental-services./CRZSP2S87T>

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