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Award

UKRI-4804 British Antarctic Survey (BAS) UK Home Port of Harwich & other UK Port Agency Cover for RRS Sir David Attenborough (SDA)

UK Research & Innovation

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Scope

Reference

UKRI-4804

Description

UKRI wishes to establish a framework agreement (Agreement) for the provision of a port agent to act as their representative in Harwich (and other UK ports where required) and carry out operational functions on behalf of the British Antarctic Survey.

The purpose of this procurement is to appoint a Supplier to support in delivering a broad range of services

The full requirement is detailed in the Specification.

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Contract 1

Supplier

- GAC Services (UK) Ltd

Contract value

- £2,800,000 excluding VAT
- £3,360,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Award decision date

11 July 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

16 July 2025

Earliest date the contract will be signed

28 July 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 August 2025 to 31 July 2029
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 63721000 - Port and waterway operation services and associated services
- 63721200 - Port operation services
- 63726000 - Miscellaneous water transport support services
- 98362000 - Port management services
- 98362100 - Marine-base support services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Information about tenders

- 6 tenders received
- 4 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 2 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 3 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

GAC Services (UK) Ltd

Unit A, Inchyra Business Park,

Grangemouth

FK3 9XF

United Kingdom

Contact name: Account Manager

Telephone: +44 1324479200

Email: uk@gac.com

Region: UKM76 - Falkirk

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

Polaris House, North Star Avenue

Swindon

SN2 1FL

United Kingdom

Contact name: Commercial

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Region: UKK14 - Swindon

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