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Tender

UKRI-4880 BAS - Tracked mobile knuckle boom crane

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Description

The British Antarctic Survey has a Mobile Crane at the rear that has been on site for over 20 years and coming to the end of its service life and we are looking to replace this machine during the 2025-2026 financial year. The Tracked Crane is used around Rothera Station in the Antarctic and will never travel more than a 2km radius to support general lifting operations around station such as relocation of general cargo on the rear deck, launch a recover small boats for boating operations and used as a MEWP (with attached personnel basket) for antenna maintenance around station. This machine will not be deployed outside of Rothera station local area, Export to Antarctica outside of EU emissions regulations.

Total value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 10 November 2025 to 9 November 2027
- Possible extension to 9 November 2028
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

The contracting authority may extend the contract for an additional 1 calendar year.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 42414000 - Cranes, mobile lifting frames and works trucks fitted with a crane

Contract locations

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

28 September 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

12 October 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://ukri2--prospend.vf.force.com/apex/CS_ContractPage?filters=&page=1&Preview=Yes&searchStr=&SearchType=Projects&sortStr=Alphabetical&uid=a1MTm000007wOPKMA2&sfdcIFrameOrigin=https://ukri2.lightning.force.com

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

7 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical/Quality	75% of the total weighted score.	Quality	75.00%
Price	15% of the total weighted score.	Price	15.00%
Social Value	10% of the total weighted score.	Quality	10.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

This procurement has not been subject to a preliminary market engagement exercise. UKRI is familiar with the market and products available, and has sufficient knowledge to proceed with the tender process.

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government