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Award

UKRI-4507 Satellite Internet for BAS Ship and Stations

UK Research and Innovation

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Scope

Reference

UKRI-4507

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).

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 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.

Contract 1

Lots

Lot LOT 1. Geostationary Earth Orbiting (GEO) connection

Lot LOT 2. Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) connection

Supplier

- Omniaccess SL

Contract value

- £1,003,760 excluding VAT
- £1,204,512 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

27 August 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

28 August 2025

Standstill period

- End: 30 September 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

1 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 2 October 2025 to 30 September 2027
- Possible extension to 30 September 2029
- 3 years, 11 months, 30 days

Description of possible extension:

The contract can be extended by a maximum of 2 periods of 12 months.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 64214100 - Satellite circuit rental services

Contract locations

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC
- AQ - Antarctica

Information about tenders

Lot LOT 1. Geostationary Earth Orbiting (GEO) connection

- 3 tenders received
- 3 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts

- 2 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Lot LOT 2. Low Earth Orbiting (LEO) connection

- 7 tenders received
 - 7 tenders assessed in the final stage:
 - 5 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
 - 1 supplier awarded contracts
 - 6 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)
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Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Omniaccess SL

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PGVQ-2423-HQCZ

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

Contract 1

Contracting authority

UK Research and Innovation

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government