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Tender

Profiling Floats for Ocean Data Collection

Met Office

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Scope

Reference

DN783668

Description

The Met Office wishes to place a Framework Agreement to cover the following Lots:

Lot 1 - Standard floats with Iridium communications

Lot 2 - Iridium floats with bio-geochemical sensors

Suppliers may submit bids for one, or both Lots.

The procurement opportunity is advertised on the ProContract portal. Suppliers who are interested in participating in this tender exercise must register their company free of charge on the ProContract eTendering portal by following this link: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Register> and search for project reference DN783668 for more information.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £1,900,000 excluding VAT
- £2,280,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 January 2026 to 26 January 2029
- Possible extension to 26 January 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Available option to extend for a further 12 month period up to a total framework duration of four (4) years.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38120000 - Meteorological instruments

Contract locations

- UKK4 - Devon
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Lot 1. Standard floats with Iridium communications

Description

Standard floats with Iridium communications (temperature, salinity and depth only).

Lot value (estimated)

- £1,890,000 excluding VAT
- £2,268,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

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 2. Iridium floats with bio-geochemical sensors

Description

Bio-geochemical-Argo is the extension of the Argo array of profiling floats to include floats that are equipped with additional sensors for pH, oxygen, nitrate, chlorophyll fluorescence, suspended particles and down-welling irradiance. With respect to Lot 2, it is likely that purchases of such floats may range from those with a single additional sensor (most likely dissolved oxygen) through to the full sensor suite.

Lot value (estimated)

- £10,000 excluding VAT
- £12,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

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.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

Please refer to tender pack ref. DN783668 for more information.

Award method when using the framework

With competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Standard floats with Iridium communications

Lot 2. Iridium floats with bio-geochemical sensors

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Tender submission deadline

22 October 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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The deadline for tender submission is 12 noon on 22 October 2025 via the ProContract portal.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

28 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Specification Question Responses	Quality	55%
Price	Price	35%
Social Value	Quality	10%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Met Office

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government