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Award

UKRI-5138 Certification and Modification of USV

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

UKRI-5138

Description

Modifications to an uncrewed surface vessel and subsequent certification.

This is a direct award due to intellectual property rights in line with schedule 5 of the Procurement Act.

Contract 1. UKRI-5138 Certification and Modification of USV

Supplier

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Contract value

- 161369.00 EUR excluding VAT
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Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

20 October 2025

Standstill period

- End: 30 October 2025
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 28 February 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2026

- 4 months, 28 days

Description of possible extension:

2 potential extensions of 1 month each.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 50241100 - Vessel repair services

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Supplier

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJXT-9291-CDLH

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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

Associated people/organisations:

N/A

Contract 1. UKRI-5138 Certification and Modification of USV

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government