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Tender

# Provision of Lead for Fixed Ballast, RRS Sir David Attenborough

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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## Scope

#### Description

RRS Sir David Attenborough is an Ice class research ship that operates in the polar regions for UKRI research activities. The ship is very heavy towards the bow due to the ice strengthening. To correct the Ballast the ship requires 477 tonnes of lead ballast in the aft of the ship. The lead is to be inserted in man handleable blocks into a specially designed void space within the aft peak ballast tank.

The lead requires to be protected to prevent noise and vibration transmitting through the hull that would interfere with the acoustic equipment and create vibration.

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 16 December 2025 to 30 September 2026
- 9 months, 15 days

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

#### **CPV** classifications

• 14712000 - Lead

#### **Contract locations**

• UK - United Kingdom

# **Participation**

# Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

# **Submission**

#### **Enquiry deadline**

3 November 2025, 2:00pm

#### **Tender submission deadline**

17 November 2025, 2:00pm

#### Submission address and any special instructions

To access this opportunity please click here:

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- 5. Select the opportunity from the list. Tender Documents for download are found in the Documents tab.

#### Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

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English

# Award decision date (estimated)

1 December 2025

## **Award criteria**

Name	Description	Туре	Weighting
Price	80%	Price	80.00%
Technical and Quality	20%	Quality	20.00%

# Other information

# Applicable trade agreements

• Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

## **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

## **Procedure**

## **Procedure type**

Open procedure

# **Contracting authority**

#### **UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)**

• Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government