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Contract

Provision of a Seapath and MGC Navigation System & System Upgrade for RRS Discovery

National Oceanography Centre

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Scope

Reference

2025PRNOC-1014

Description

The procurement is for the supply, installation, commissioning, and technical support of a Seapath 385 Inertial Navigation System (INS) with an MGC-R3 Compass for the RRS Discovery research vessel. This system will replace the failed and obsolete Seapath Digital GPS system currently onboard.

The required goods and services include:

Delivery of the Seapath 385 INS and MGC-R3 Compass, including all necessary hardware, software, and documentation.

Installation and commissioning of the system by Kongsberg-qualified personnel.

Technical support for integration, calibration, and sea trials to ensure the system is fully operational and meets the vessel's requirements.

All equipment and services must be fully compatible with the existing Kongsberg navigation suite on the vessel.

The total contract value is \$197,332 USD (excluding VAT). The supplier, Kongsberg Discovery A/S, is the original equipment manufacturer and the only provider able to deliver a technically compliant and compatible solution. The procurement ensures operational continuity for scientific missions and avoids the risks associated with using non-OEM alternatives. Delivery and installation will be scheduled to prevent disruption to planned research operations.

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Supplier

- Kongsberg Discovery AS

Contract value

- 197332 USD excluding VAT
- 236798.40 USD including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

11 November 2025

Contract dates

- 11 November 2025 to 10 November 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The contract value includes survey work which have been estimated. The NOC may be required to uptake optional service work based on the survey assessment.

CPV classifications

- 34933000 - Navigation equipment
- 50241100 - Vessel repair services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

Kongsberg Discovery AS

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

National Oceanography Centre

- Companies House: 11444362
- Charity Commission (England and Wales): 1185265
- Scottish Charity Register: SC049896
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYLV-3456-PMCQ

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government