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Tender

## **UKRI-5300 BAS - Provision of DriX USV Operation services**

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

UKRI-5300

### **Description**

UKRI is seeking to appoint a supplier to provide operation services of the DriX USV for the British Antarctic Survey.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £210,000 excluding VAT
- £252,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 16 February 2026 to 15 February 2027
- Possible extension to 15 February 2028
- 2 years

Description of possible extension:

The Contracting Authority may extend the contract period for an additional 1 calendar year.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **CPV classifications**

- 60444100 - Pilot services

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

30 December 2025, 5:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

13 January 2026, 5:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

To access this opportunity please click here: [https://ukri2.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpecnd\\_CS\\_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a1MTm00000901bdMAA&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County=](https://ukri2.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpecnd_CS_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a1MTm00000901bdMAA&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County=)

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1. Log in or create an account here: <https://ukri2.my.site.com>
2. Navigate to the opportunity in the Find an Opportunity section of the site or via the direct access link above.
3. Select Register Interest (you will not be able to view the tender documentation without registering an interest).
4. Go back to the main menu and navigate to the My Proposals and Quotes section of the site.
5. Select the opportunity from the list. Tender Documents for download are found in the Documents tab.

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

**Languages that may be used for submission**

English

**Award decision date (estimated)**

27 January 2026

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**Award criteria**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Technical/quality	30%	Quality	60.00%
Price	30%	Price	30.00%
Social Value	30%	Quality	10.00%

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**Other information****Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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**Procedure****Procedure type**

Open procedure

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## Contracting authority

### UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

Polaris House

Swindon, Wiltshire

SN2 1FL

United Kingdom

Email: [nercprocurement@ukri.org](mailto:nercprocurement@ukri.org)

Website: <https://www.ukri.org/>

Region: UKK14 - Swindon

Organisation type: Public authority - central government