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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

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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/ProSp
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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

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

27 January 2026

Award criteria

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

Other information**Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

Procedure**Procedure type**

Open procedure

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government