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Contract

Antarctic Ski Pilot

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Reference

UKRI-5413

Description

This contract is for the provision of a pilot with experience and capacity for Antarctic flights. This contract was awarded under Schedule 5 of the PA23 due to technical reasoning.

Contract 1. UKRI-5410 Antarctic Ski Pilot

Supplier

- [The Flying Dutchman](#)

Contract value

- £21,015 excluding VAT
- £25,218 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Date signed

5 November 2025

Contract dates

- 6 November 2025 to 28 February 2026
- Possible extension to 31 March 2026
- 4 months, 25 days

Description of possible extension:

Extensions to allow for any delays due to weather or unforeseen events.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 60444100 - Pilot services

Contract locations

- AQ - Antarctica

Procedure

Procedure type

Below threshold - without competition

Supplier

The Flying Dutchman

N/A

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. UKRI-5410 Antarctic Ski Pilot

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government