

**United Kingdom-Swindon: Acoustic devices**  
**OJ S 10/2018 16/01/2018**  
**Contract notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

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**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Natural Environment Research Council

Postal address: Polaris House, North Star Avenue

Town: Swindon

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Postal code: SN2 1FF

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [majorprojects@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:majorprojects@uksbs.co.uk)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: <http://www.uksbs.co.uk>

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/emptoris>

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the abovementioned address

Additional information can be obtained from another address:

Official name: UK Shared Business Services Ltd

Town: Swindon

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Country: United Kingdom

E-mail: [ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk)

**Internet address(es):**

Main address: [www.uksbs.co.uk](http://www.uksbs.co.uk)

**I.4. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Other activity: Environmental Science, Research & Innovation

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**Section II: Object**

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**II.1. Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1. Title**

UK SBS PR17159 Multibeam Echo Sounder

Reference number: UK SBS PR17159

### **II.1.2. Main CPV code**

32342400 Acoustic devices

### **II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

### **II.1.4. Short description**

This tender is to procure 2 multi-beam echosounder (MBES) sonar systems (1 primary and 1 spare) for use primarily on NERC's new 2000m depth rated AUV platform Autosub2KUI which will begin engineering trials in 2019. Further details of the existing Autosub 6000 and Autosub3 AUVs can be found at <http://noc.ac.uk/facilities/marine-autonomous-robotic-systems/autosubs>.

### **II.1.5. Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: 280 000,00 GBP

### **II.1.6. Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: no

## **II.2. Description**

### **II.2.2. Additional CPV code(s)**

38113000 Sonars, 73112000 Marine research services

### **II.2.3. Place of performance**

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Natural Environment Research Council. National Oceanographic Centre. University of Southampton Waterfront Campus. European Way. Southampton. SO14 3ZH.

### **II.2.4. Description of the procurement**

The Natural Environment Research Council, as the Contracting Authority, are putting into place a contract for the purchase of two multi-beam echosounder (MBES) sonar systems (1 primary and 1 spare) for use primarily on NERC's new 2000m depth rated AUV platform Autosub2KUI which will begin engineering trials in 2019.

All submissions will be assessed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, for procurement values that exceed Regulation 5 (Threshold amounts). This procurement will be managed electronically via the crown commercial service's e-Sourcing suite. To participate in this procurement participants shall first be registered on the e-Sourcing Suite. If Bidders have not yet.

Registered on the eSourcing Suite this can be done online at <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/emptoris> by following the link 'Supplier eSourcing Registration'.

Please note that to register Bidders must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so. Note: registration may take some time please ensure that you allow a sufficient amount of time to register. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esourcing-tool-guidance-for-suppliers> Once you have registered on the eSourcing Suite a registered user can express an interest for a specific procurement. This is done by emailing [ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk) Your email must clearly state the name and reference for the procurement you wish to register for your organisations full name as a registered supplier the name and contact details for the registered individual sending the email. Crown Commercial Service will process the email and then enable the bidder to access the procurement online via the e-Sourcing Suite. The

registered user will receive a notification email to alert them once this has been done. As a user of the e-Sourcing Suite you will have access to Emptoris email messaging service which facilitates all messages sent to you and from you in relation to any specific RFX event. Please note it is your responsibility to access these Emails on a regular basis to ensure you have sight of all relevant information applicable to this opportunity.

For technical assistance on use of the e-Sourcing suite please contact crown commercial service.

Helpdesk (Not UKSBS): Freephone:0345010 3503.

Email: [enablement@crowcommercial.gov.uk](mailto:enablement@crowcommercial.gov.uk)

Training support to respond to a requirement is available to bidders at <http://www.uksbs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx>. Responses must be received by the date in IV.2.2.

Responses received outside or concurrently using the eSourcing process will not be accepted or considered.

#### **II.2.5. Award criteria**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60

#### **II.2.6. Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: 280 000,00 GBP

#### **II.2.7. Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months: 3

This contract is subject to renewal: no

#### **II.2.10. Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

#### **II.2.11. Information about options**

Options: no

#### **II.2.13. Information about European Union funds**

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

#### **II.2.14. Additional information**

This requirement cannot be divided into lots since it is for the procurement of a single item of equipment.

### **Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

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#### **III.1. Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

List and brief description of conditions:

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The sourcing documents can be accessed at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> using the instructions detailed in I.3.

### **Section IV: Procedure**

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#### **IV.1. Description**

##### **IV.1.1. Type of procedure**

Open procedure

##### **IV.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system**

##### **IV.1.8. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

#### **IV.2. Administrative information**

##### **IV.2.2. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date: 20/02/2018 Local time: 14:00

##### **IV.2.3. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

##### **IV.2.4. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

##### **IV.2.6. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

##### **IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 20/02/2018 Local time: 14:00

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

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##### **VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

##### **VI.3. Additional information**

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; and (ii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the procurement; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by any Supplier. If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a contract with the successful supplier, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent. Contracts being awarded any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of bidders.

##### **VI.4. Procedures for review**

###### **VI.4.1. Review body**

Official name: UK Shared Business Services Ltd  
Postal address: Polaris House, North Star Avenue  
Town: Swindon  
Postal code: SN2 1FF  
Country: United Kingdom

###### **VI.4.4. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained**

Official name: UK Shared Business Services Ltd  
Postal address: Polaris House, North Star Avenue

Town: Swindon  
Postal code: SN2 1FF  
Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [policy@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:policy@uksbs.co.uk)  
Internet address: [www.uksbs.co.uk](http://www.uksbs.co.uk)

**VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

12/01/2018