

**United Kingdom-Swindon: Gravimeters**  
**OJ S 47/2018 08/03/2018**  
**Contract award notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: Natural Environment Research Council  
Postal address: British Antarctic Survey, Polaris House, North Star Avenue  
Town: Swindon  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: SN2 1FF  
Country: United Kingdom  
Contact person: Allan Norman  
E-mail: [allan.norman@uksbs.co.uk](mailto:allan.norman@uksbs.co.uk)  
**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: <http://www.uksbs.co.uk>

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

Other type: NERC who are the UK's main agency for funding and managing research, training and knowledge exchange in the environmental sciences.

**I.5. Main activity**

Other activity: British Antarctic Survey

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**Section II: Object**

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

**II.1.1. Title**

UK SBS PR17186 Gravity Meter  
Reference number: UKSBSPR17186

**II.1.2. Main CPV code**

38280000 Gravimeters

**II.1.3. Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4. Short description**

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remit of the shipyard a wooden plinth 1200 x 1500 x 150 mm thick will be installed within the gravity meter room. The plinth is positioned to allow comfortable access to at least 3 sides for servicing of the gravity platform.

Maximum budget for the requirement is 450k GBP.

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

This contract is divided into lots: no

#### **II.1.7. Total value of the procurement**

Value excluding VAT: 270 700,00 GBP

### **II.2. Description**

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

38240000 Gravity geophysical instruments, 38210000 Geological compasses

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

NUTS code: UK United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance: Natural Environment Research Council. British Antarctic Survey. High Cross. Madingley Road. Cambridge. CB3 0ET.

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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 e-Sourcing 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.

II.2.5) Award criteria

II.2.6) Estimated value

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@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:enablement@crowncommercial.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**

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

#### **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**

### **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.2.1. Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number in the OJ S: [2017/S 244-509122](#)

##### **IV.2.8. Information about termination of dynamic purchasing system**

## **IV.2.9. Information about termination of call for competition in the form of a prior information notice**

### **Section V: Award of contract**

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**Contract No:** PR17186

**Title:**

Gravity Meter

A contract/lot is awarded: yes

#### **V.2. Award of contract**

##### **V.2.1. Date of conclusion of the contract**

06/03/2018

##### **V.2.2. Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: no

##### **V.2.3. Name and address of the contractor**

Official name: Dynamic Gravity Systems

Postal address: 7120 W 117th Avenue

Town: Broomfield

NUTS code: 00 Other or Not Specified

Postal code: 80020

Country: United States

The contractor is an SME: yes

##### **V.2.4. Information on value of the contract/lot**

Total value of the contract/lot: 270 700,00 GBP

##### **V.2.5. Information about subcontracting**

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

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#### **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 Limited

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)

**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)

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

06/03/2018