

**United Kingdom-Swindon: Gravimeters**  
**OJ S 108/2017 08/06/2017**  
**Contract notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: UK Shared Business Services  
Postal address: Polaris House, North Star Avenue  
Town: Swindon  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Postal code: SN2 1FF  
Country: United Kingdom  
Contact person: Belinda Field  
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**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: <http://www.uksbs.co.uk>

**I.2. Information about joint procurement**

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

**I.3. Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at: <https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk>  
Additional information can be obtained from the abovementioned address  
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 following address:  
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: [ExpressionOfInterest@crowcommercial.gov.uk](mailto:ExpressionOfInterest@crowcommercial.gov.uk)  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
**Internet address(es):**  
Main address: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/emptoris>  
Electronic communication requires the use of tools and devices that are not generally available. Unrestricted and full direct access to these tools and devices is possible, free of charge, at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

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

Body governed by public law

**I.5. Main activity**

Other activity: Public Procurement

## Section II: Object

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### II.1. Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1. Title

UK SBS PR17014NERC Gravity Meter.  
Reference number: UK SBS PR17014NERC

#### II.1.2. Main CPV code

38280000 Gravimeters

#### II.1.3. Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4. Short description

UK Shared Business Services Ltd as the Contracting Authority is putting in place a contract for the Natural Environment Research Council, British Antarctic Survey. The requirement is for the supply of the main gravity meter unit including: Stabilising Platform Enclosure Base plate and rack with vibration isolator The Gravity Meter must be able to be fixed into position, and shall have capability to operate at sea in challenging environmental conditions and rough seas.

#### II.1.5. Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: 450 000,00 GBP

#### II.1.6. Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

### II.2. Description

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

38240000 Gravity geophysical instruments, 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, British Antarctic Survey High Cross Madingley Road Cambridge CB3 0ET.

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

UK Shared Business Services Ltd as the Contracting Authority is putting in place a contract for the purchase of a Gravity Meter.

Construction has begun on the RRS Sir David Attenborough — one of the most advanced polar research vessels in the world. From 2018 scientists researching oceans, ice and atmosphere will have access to state-of-the-art facilities on this floating laboratory. The RRS Sir David Attenborough has a dedicated gravity meter room on-board. As part of the remit of the shipyard a wooden plinth 1200 x 1500 x 150mm thick will be installed within the gravity meter room. The requirement is for the supply of the main gravity meter unit including: Stabilising Platform Enclosure Base plate and rack with vibration isolator The Gravity Meter must be able to be fixed into position, and shall have capability to operate at sea in challenging environmental conditions and rough seas

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:

[eeenablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:eeenablement@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**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

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

Value excluding VAT: 450 000,00 GBP

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

Duration in months: 12

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 piece of equipment.

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

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

#### **III.1.2. Economic and financial standing**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

All submissions will be assessed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, for procurement values that exceed Regulation 5 (Threshold amounts)

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

#### **III.1.3. Technical and professional ability**

List and brief description of selection criteria:

All submissions will be assessed in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, for procurement values that exceed Regulation 5 (Threshold amounts) The sourcing

documents can be accessed 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: 13/07/2017 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: 13/07/2017 Local time: 14:00

Place:

Electronic.

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

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

06/06/2017