

United Kingdom-Swindon: Underwater exploration services

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Contract notice

Supplies

Directive 2004/18/EC

Section I: Contracting authority

I.1. Name and addresses

Official name: UK Shared Business Services

Postal address: North Star House, North Star Avenue

Town: Swindon

Postal code: SN2 1FF

Country: United Kingdom

For the attention of: Belinda Field

E-mail: majorprojects@uksbs.co.uk**Internet address(es):**General address of the contracting authority: www.uksbs.co.uk**Additional information can be obtained from:**

the abovementioned address

Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:

the abovementioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted: Official name: UK Shared Business Services LtdE-mail: ExpressionOfInterest@ccs.gsi.gov.ukInternet address: <http://ccs.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-am-supplier/respond-tender>**I.2. Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

I.3. Main activity

Other: public procurement

I.4. Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities

The contracting authority is purchasing on behalf of other contracting authorities: yes

Official name: Natural Environment Research Council, National Oceanographic Centre

Postal address: University of Southampton, Waterfront Campus, European Way

Town: Southampton

Postal code: SO14 3ZH

Country: United Kingdom

Section II: Object of the contract

II.1. Description**II.1.1. Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority**

UK SBS PR16139 Argo Floats 6 000 metres.

II.1.2. Type of contract and place of performance or delivery

Supplies
Purchase
NUTS code UK United Kingdom

II.1.3. Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The notice involves a public contract

II.1.4. Information about framework agreement

II.1.5. Short description of the contract or purchase(s)

UK Shared Business Services Ltd as the Contracting Authority is putting in place a contract for the purchase of Argo Floats capable of diving up to 6 000 metres, with CTD and dissolved oxygen sensors. NERC's National Oceanography Centre have a requirement for Argo Floats to sample the North and South Atlantic Oceans. All floats will measure Conductivity, Temperature and Depth. Deep floats are required to measure full ocean depth in the subtropical South Atlantic, and must therefore have a depth capability of 6 000 metres.

II.1.6. CPV code(s)

71351924 Underwater exploration services, 50246200 Buoy maintenance services, 35512400 Unmanned underwater vehicles, 73112000 Marine research services

II.1.7. Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: yes

II.1.8. Lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

II.1.9. Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: no

II.2. Scope of the procurement

II.2.1. Total quantity or scope

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About UK Shared Business Services:

UK Shared Business Services Ltd (UK SBS) brings a commercial attitude to the public sector: helping our customers improve efficiency, generate savings and modernise.

It is our vision to become the leading provider for our customers of shared business services in the UK public sector, continuously reducing cost and improving quality of business services for Government and the public sector.

Our broad range of expert services is shared by our customers. This allows our customers the freedom to focus resources on core activities: innovating and transforming their own organisations.

Core services include Procurement, Finance, Human Resources, Payroll, ISS and Property Asset Management all underpinned by our Service Delivery and Contact Centre teams.

UK SBS is a people rather than task focused business. It's what makes us different to the traditional transactional shared services centre. What is more, being a not-for-profit organisation owned by its customers, UK SBS' goals are aligned with the public sector and

delivering best value for the UK taxpayer.

If UK SBS is procuring the Contract or Framework as a central purchasing body for multiple Customers who are other contracting authorities. This means that other contracting authorities named in this OJEU Notice may use the Contract or Framework.

Detailed on the UK SBS Ltd website is a list of all organisations, institutes, centres and bodies (Authorised Entities) that may also use any appropriately advertised Contract let by UK Shared Business Services Ltd The full list is detailed below.

UK SBS Pan Government list is available at: <https://intranet.uksbs.co.uk/procurement/teamsite/Pages/SourcingContract.aspx>

Estimated value excluding VAT: 450 000 GBP

II.2.2. Information about options

Options: no

II.2.3. Information about renewals

This contract is subject to renewal: no

II.3. Duration of the contract or time limit for completion

Duration in months: 12 (from the award of the contract)

Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1. Conditions related to the contract

III.1.1. Deposits and guarantees required

Participants will be advised if this is necessary during the procurement. Parent company and /or other guarantees of performance and financial liability may be required if considered appropriate.

III.1.2. Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them

Bids to be priced in GBP.

III.1.3. Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded

Any consortium, SPV, Partnership should ideally have a designated lead service provider, all members will have joint and several liability in respect of the obligations and liabilities to any contract or framework and any subsequent contracts awarded under the same.

III.1.4. Contract performance conditions

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2. Conditions for participation

III.2.1. Suitability to pursue the professional activity, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers

List and brief description of conditions: 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 1st 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> by following the link 'Register for CCS eSourcing'. Please note that, to register, Bidders must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun & 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: <http://ccs.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/i-am-supplier/respond-tender>

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@ccs.gsi.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 (CCS) 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 (CCS) help desk (Not UK SBS Ltd): Freephone. 0345 010 3503.

email: supplier@ccs.gsi.gov.uk

Training support to respond to a requirement is available to bidders at: <http://www.uksubs.co.uk/services/procure/Pages/supplier.aspx>

Responses must be received by the date in IV.3.4)

Responses received outside or concurrently using the eSourcing process will not be accepted or considered further for this opportunity.

III.2.2. Economic and financial ability

List and brief description of conditions: 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 III.2.1)

III.2.3. Technical and professional ability

List and brief description of conditions:

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 III.2.1)

Project specific requirements:

The Contracting Authority requires all interested parties to sign a Non Disclosure Agreement prior to being able to access the sourcing documents.

III.2.4. Information about reserved contracts

III.3. Conditions specific to services contracts

III.3.1. Information about a particular profession

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

III.3.2. Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract: no

Section IV: Procedure

IV.1. Type of procedure

IV.1.1. Type of procedure

Open

IV.1.2. Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

IV.1.3. Information about reduction of the number of solutions or tenders during negotiation or dialogue

Recourse to staged procedure to gradually reduce the number of solutions to be discussed or tenders to be negotiated no

IV.2. Award criteria

IV.2.1. Award criteria

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

IV.2.2. Information about electronic auction

An electronic auction will be used: no

IV.3. Administrative information

IV.3.1. File reference number attributed by the contracting authority

PR16139

IV.3.2. Previous publication concerning this procedure

no

IV.3.3. Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document

Time limit for receipt of requests for documents or for accessing documents: 20.10.2016 - 14:00

Payable documents: yes

IV.3.4. Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

20.10.2016 - 14:00

IV.3.5. Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

IV.3.6. Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English.

IV.3.7. Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Duration in days: 90 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8. Conditions for opening of tenders

Date: 20.10.2016 - 14:00

Place:

Electronically, via web-based portal.

Persons authorised to be present at the opening of tenders: no

Section VI: Complementary information

VI.1. Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: no

VI.2. Information about European Union funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds:
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

VI.4.2. Review procedure

VI.4.3. Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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VI.5. Date of dispatch of this notice

9.9.2016