

**United Kingdom-Swindon: Gravimeters**  
**OJ S 244/2017 20/12/2017**  
**Contract notice**  
**Supplies**

**Legal Basis:**

Directive 2014/24/EU

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**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1. Name and addresses**

Official name: 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  
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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>  
Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/emptoris>  
Additional information can be obtained from another address:  
Official name: UK Shared Business Services Limited  
Town: Swindon  
NUTS code: UK United Kingdom  
Country: United Kingdom  
E-mail: [expressionofinterest@crowcommercial.gov.uk](mailto:expressionofinterest@crowcommercial.gov.uk)  
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**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

## **Section II: Object**

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### **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**

The Natural Environment Research Council, British Antarctic Survey have a requirement for 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 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 GBP 450 000.

#### **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, 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.

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

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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 organisation's 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 eSourcing Suite. The registered user will receive a notification email to alert them once this has been done. As a user of the eSourcing 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 eSourcing 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**

Criteria below

Quality criterion - Name: Quality / Weighting: 60

Cost criterion - Name: Price / Weighting: 40

#### **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**

Start: 15/03/2018 End: 30/09/2018

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

#### **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.

## **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: 11/02/2018 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: 90 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7. Conditions for opening of tenders**  
Date: 11/02/2018 Local time: 14:00

**Section VI: Complementary information**

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**VI.1. Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: no

**VI.2. Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

**VI.3. Additional information**

The contracting authority expressly reserves the right:

— not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice,

— 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

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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.5. Date of dispatch of this notice**

18/12/2017

