

***THIS PIN NOTICE IS TO NOTIFY SUPPLIERS OF A POTENTIAL UPCOMING REQUIREMENT THAT WILL BE ADVERTISED THROUGH OPEN TENDER VIA CONTRACTS FINDER ***

Brief Description of the Requirement

British Antarctic Survey's new ship the RRS Sir David Attenborough (SDA) predominantly takes cargo in 20ft ISO shipping containers. Due to the strict biosecurity requirements for shipping to Antarctica, we are looking into options for container biosecurity activities prior to loading onto our ship and other partner organisation vessels.

Suppliers must be able to provide the services described below at locations across the United Kingdom, though the primary locations these activities will be required are Harwich Port and British Antarctic Survey's HQ in Cambridge.

This will be a five year call off contract (3+1+1) so no work is guaranteed, but in an average year BAS will be required to biosecure 50 x 20ft shipping containers. The majority of this work will take place at Harwich Port over a few days in October or November. Normally this would be during normal working hours but in exceptional circumstances out of hours working (such as evenings and weekends) might be required.

Lot 1: Internal biosecurity: Fumigation, installing rodent bait traps, installing insect sticky traps inside 20ft shipping containers

- One pre-baited mouse box to be placed inside the container, un-baited for food and beverage containers.
- One pre-baited rat box to be placed inside the container, un-baited for food and beverage containers.
- Two crawling insect traps to be positioned parallel and adjacent to container walls or doors
- With the exception of food/beverage or other special containers, discharge inside the container one 'Digra One Shot 300ml 1.46% Permethrin' (or similar) total release aerosol (per 20' container or according to manufacturer's instructions). Containers must be fumigated in a manner which allows them to be shipped, without requiring a dangerous goods declaration. This must be undertaken by an appropriately trained person and Container doors must have an appropriate label showing date and time of fumigation.

Lot 2: External biosecurity: Jet washing of external container surfaces including base 48 hours or less prior to loading onto vessel.

Containers need to be jet washed on all sides including the base prior to BAS arranging for containers to be loaded onto the SDA.

Budget and Duration

The contract for both lots shall be a five year call off contract (3+1+1) but on an average year BAS will be required to biosecure 50 x 20ft shipping containers.

Estimated budget of the requirement is £50,000 per lot for the full duration (based on a call off basis).

Supplier Feedback

This pre-procurement notice is being issued in order to undertake a market consultation exercise with regards to the requirements detailed above. UK Research and Innovation ("UKRI") would like to hear feedback from potential suppliers based on the following:

- Confirmation on whether you would be interested in this tender.
- Confirmation as to which Lot you would be interested in bidding for.
- Confirmation on whether you would need to use a sub-contractor.
- Any other comments from suppliers regarding this procurement.

Interested suppliers are to submit their feedback to fmprocurement@uksbs.co.uk, all feedback must be received by 11am on Friday 25th June 2021.

There is no commitment at this stage that the above-mentioned opportunity will proceed in its current format however at this stage and subject to the relevant approvals this is the intention.

UKRI may consider the information and responses received as part of the preliminary market consultation to help inform the specification and further decision making in relation to the planning and conduct of the proposed procurement.