

CON19006 – Framework Agreement Duration

The long-term nature of the Framework Agreement has been determined based on experience gained in previous Polar technical services agreements and from pre-market engagement feedback.

The 10-year contract period is driven by the fact that:

- Works and corresponding technical support have a seasonal restriction thereby extending the elapsed time to carry out contracted services threefold.
- Many in-scope Works projects have interdependencies creating a situation where a shorter-term contract would interfere with operational effectiveness.
- Services include immediate construction and long terms plans/options. A 10-year contract is a practical and commercially viable method of achieving these objectives.
- Experience of providing services in Polar regions and of working in partnership with UKRI / BAS on logistics takes a material time to develop in the supplier base thus a long-term contract drives commercial effectiveness for both UKRI / BAS and the supplier.