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Planning

260001 Contract for the Supply and Delivery of 3 Large Format, High Cadence Cameras Equipment for the Daniel K Inouye Solar Telescope

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Reference

260001

Description

Queen's University wish to procure 3 large-format, high-cadence cameras to be installed onto the Daniel K Inouye Solar Telescope based in Hawaii for the purposes of scientific research. The cameras will cover a large field of view at the telescope diffraction limit.

Total value (estimated)

- £370,000 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 March 2026 to 16 March 2027
- 1 year, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38630000 - Astronomical and optical instruments
- 38651100 - Camera lenses
- 38651200 - Camera bodies
- 38651600 - Digital cameras

Contract locations

- UKN06 - Belfast

Engagement

Engagement deadline

5 January 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Queen's staff have undertaken pre-market engagement activity with a number of suppliers.

The activity was undertaken in order to:

- 1- gain a better understanding of what the market can offer and if the market is capable of responding to a tender in relation to this requirement;
- 2- identify potential suppliers for the requirement;
- 3- understand potential lead times, and
- 4- gain an understanding of the commercial profile for the requirement

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

16 January 2026

Contracting authority

Queen's University Belfast

- Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: 101788

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland