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Tender

QUB/2601/25 Contract for the supply of an Acoustic Liquid Handling System

Queens University Belfast

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04dbeb

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Queens University Belfast

University Road, Belfast, BT7 1NN

Belfast

Email

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Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

UKN06 - Belfast

Internet address(es)

Main address

www.qub.ac.uk

Buyer's address

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/aspx/Home>

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/aspx/Home>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/aspx/Home>

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

QUB/2601/25 Contract for the supply of an Acoustic Liquid Handling System

Reference number

QUB/2601/25

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

An acoustic liquid handler is required to enable the precise and accurate dispensing of small volumes of fluids into assay plates for downstream applications and to enable the miniaturisation of assays by handling nanolitre volumes. Uses will include compound management and dispensing of reagents, including DMSO, for high-throughput screening applications, functional screening and assay development activities. A system with non-contact transfer is required to eliminate the use of disposable tips, reduce the risk of cross-contamination between samples, and maintain sample integrity whilst minimising plastic waste generation.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38432000 - Analysis apparatus

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKN06 - Belfast

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Northern Ireland Precision Biomarkers and Therapeutics Consortium (NIPBT) is an industry-focused partnership of Life and Health Science (LHS) companies and Academia, aligned to NI Health and Economy strategies. By addressing critical commercial gaps, the Consortium's aim is to transform the productivity of each Commercial Partner and the broader LHS sector in NI. NIPBT will deploy the grant funding to collaboratively develop R&D capabilities that industry partners require. Queen's is leading and hosting this research hub, as such is tasked with procuring and installing an Acoustic Liquid Handler within the Health Sciences Building, Queen's University Belfast, 97 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7 AE. An acoustic liquid handler is required to enable the precise and accurate dispensing of small volumes of fluids into assay plates for downstream applications and to enable the miniaturisation of assays by handling nanolitre volumes. Uses will include compound management and dispensing of reagents, including DMSO, for high-throughput screening applications, functional screening and assay development activities. A system with non-contact transfer is required to eliminate the use of disposable tips, reduce the risk of cross-contamination between samples, and maintain sample integrity whilst minimising plastic waste generation. • Please note: - The execution of this tender & contract will be solely dependent on grant funding being received, which is estimated to be confirmed in January/ February 2025. • No award will be made, or orders issued until the grant funding has been confirmed. If grant funding is not secured, the market will be notified, and this procurement exercise will be stood down.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

One off purchase with an option to extend maintenance and the purchase of consumables

and ancillary items beyond this period to the end of useful life of the equipment.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

One off purchase with an option to extend maintenance and the purchase of consumables and ancillary items beyond this period to the end of useful life of the equipment.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: No

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

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 March 2025

Local time

4:00pm

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders

Date

11 March 2025

Local time

4:10pm

Place

Queens University Belfast, Belfast

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Queens University Belfast

Belfast

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

N/A