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

Queens University Belfast

F02: Contract notice

Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-003838

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-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**

[shauna.ryan@qub.ac.uk](mailto:shauna.ryan@qub.ac.uk)

#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKN06 - Belfast

#### **Internet address(es)**

Main address

[www.qub.ac.uk](http://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

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## **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

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## **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

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## **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