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Tender

End to end CDMO services for the importation, encapsulation and distribution of T3S and Placebo for the LIONNS-D2 Trial

Cardiff University

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05ea44 ([view related notices](#))

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Scope

Description

The School of Medicine successfully applied for a UKRI grant to investigate in a randomised controlled trial (RCT), a new IMP (investigational medicinal product) called Triiodothyronine sulphate (T3S) in hypothyroid subjects with a gene difference in a thyroid related enzyme called deiodinase 2 (D2).

We are looking for a CDMO to (i) Import and QP sign off T3S and matched placebo tablets obtained from Ardena, Pamplona, Spain who will manufacture these to GMP standards; (ii) over encapsulate commercially secured L-thyroxine (LT4) and matched placebo capsules; (iii) store T3S and matched placebo obtained from Ardena, and over encapsulated LT4 and matched placebo; (iv) label T3S, LT4 and respective placebo packs for distribution to trial subjects; (v) distribute T3S and matched placebo and over encapsulated LT4 and matched placebo packs to trial pharmacy (Royal Glamorgan Hospital, Wales).

Total value (estimated)

- £421,000 excluding VAT
- £421,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 11 October 2027
- 1 year, 5 months, 22 days

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

Contract locations

- UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Participation

Technical ability conditions of participation

Relevant professional accreditations - further detail found in Tender Pack

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

28 January 2026, 11:59pm

Submission type

Tenders

Tender submission deadline

30 January 2026, 11:59pm

Submission address and any special instructions

NDA's are to be returned to the following email addresses -

rower4@cardiff.ac.uk

procurement@cardiff.ac.uk

Registration and access to the tender is via our portal -

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

- Welsh
- English

Award decision date (estimated)

30 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	60.00%
Pricing	Price	30.00%
Responsible Procurement	Quality	10.00%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

Due to the sensitivity of the research project, prospective bidders will be required to return an NDA (attached to this notice and the previous UK4 PPN notice) to us before being given access to the full Tender Pack on our E-tender portal InTend. Prospective bidders will then be manually added once registered on said portal, and upon receipt of a signed NDA.

The Tender structure will be as follows -

Return of NDA (if not already done during PPN notice period)

Countersigned version sent back for your records

Addition to the Tender on our E-tender portal

Initial Bidding stage as normal - requiring return of pricing and responses to quality questions

Evaluation to determine a winning/preferred bid

Negotiation of the MSA Terms and Conditions

Communication of winning bidder following successful negotiation of MSA

Standstill

Contract Signature

Contract Execution

Reduced tendering period

Yes

Qualifying planned procurement notice - minimum 10 days

Documents

Associated tender documents

https://www.sell2wales.gov.wales/Assets/NoticeBuilder_FileDownload.aspx?id=357392

PLEASE NOTE - Returning of a SIGNED COPY of the attached NDA is required to gain access to the tender on our portal. Please ensure an NDA is sent to the below email addresses without delay to allow us to add your organisation to the tender activity. NDAs returned per the linked PPN UK4 notice will automatically qualify for access to this tender, a second NDA for those who have already returned an NDA is not required.

Once received, you will be added to the portal to review documentation and submit a bid. Please note, we can only add organisations who have an account on our portal, please ensure you have registered, otherwise we will be unable to add you until this is done.

Return of NDA -

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Portal -

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Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Upon return of the attached NDA, and registration on or Portal, prospective bidders will have access to all documents on our E-tender portal InTend. Please use the below link to register and access said documents once added to the tender event -

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Contracting authority

Cardiff University

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVT-4343-HWYR

Procurement Services

Cardiff

CF24 4HQ

United Kingdom

Email: rower4@cardiff.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/business/why-work-with-us/for-suppliers>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales