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Tender

250293 AMIC Chemically Assisted Ion Beam Etching (CAIBE) Tool

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Description

The Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre (AMIC), led by Queen's University Belfast, is key to an exciting future for manufacturing in Northern Ireland, as an industry-led, open-access centre for manufacturing and engineering innovation with state-of-the-art facilities and an expert engineering team, underpinned by academic excellence.

Queen's requires a Contract for supply, installation and commissioning and ongoing maintenance of a Chemically Assisted Ion Beam Etching tool; and the provision of associated ancillaries, consumables and complimentary goods. The machine will be situated in the factory of the future, Global Point, Newtownabbey and used by internal researchers and to facilitate collaborative projects with industry partners. For a comprehensive description of the requirements, please refer to document 250293 Specification.

Total value (estimated)

- £1,782,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 April 2026 to 29 April 2031
- Possible extension to 29 April 2041
- 15 years

Description of possible extension:

options to extend beyond this period for the provision of maintenance, ancillaries and complimentary goods for further periods of up to 10 years or the end of useful life of the equipment

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Submission

Tender submission deadline

18 March 2026, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Suppliers must download the tender documents and submit their response at the above address

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 April 2026

Award criteria

| Name | Description | Type |
|--------------------|---|-------------|
| Simple description | Mandatory Technical Requirements - Pass/Fail Desirable Technical Characteristics - 7% Project Methodology - 5% Servicing, Maintenance and Technical Support - 5% Contract Management and Contract Review Requirements - 5% Sustainability and Supply Chain Resilience - 5% Added Value Propositions - 10% System Capability - 15% Extended Warranty - 8% Price - 40% | Price |

Weighting description

Mandatory Technical Requirements - Pass/Fail

Desirable Technical Characteristics - 7%

Project Methodology - 5%

Servicing, Maintenance and Technical Support - 5%

Contract Management and Contract Review Requirements - 5%

Sustainability and Supply Chain Resilience - 5%

Added Value Propositions - 10%

System Capability - 15%

Extended Warranty - 8%

Price - 40%

For a comprehensive breakdown of the award criteria and weightings please refer to the tender documents

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

It is known that there may be potential development to the equipment and it's application which may result in additional ancillary equipment or system development, which cannot be adequately quantified or estimated at this time.

Whilst it is not possible to understand at the point of writing the specification what the additional developments or integration might be, what impact this may have on the performance of the contract or what the level of impact may be; it is recognised that this may potentially happen in future and as such may lead to a modification of the contract to facilitate these risks arising.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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Contracting authority

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland