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## **QUB/2151/21 Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance of 2 No. Liquid Handling Robots specifically for Protein Crystallization Duties**

Queen's University Belfast

F02: Contract notice

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**NUTS code**

UKN - Northern Ireland

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.qub.ac.uk/directorates/FinanceDirectorate/visitors/procurement/>

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

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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/2151/21 Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning, Maintenance of 2 No. Liquid Handling Robots specifically for Protein Crystallization Duties

Reference number

QUB/2151/21

#### **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**

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 Research and Development capabilities that industry partners require. Queen's is leading the NIPBT and as such is tasked with procuring and overseeing the installation of two items of equipment to perform: (1) automated protein crystallization drop setting and (2) automated optimization of protein crystallization experiments. This equipment is to enhance our productivity in structural biology of proteins that is adaptable to the needs of various research groups. This equipment will be housed within the Health Sciences Building, Queen's University Belfast.

#### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

#### **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)

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Main site or place of performance

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 the NIPBT and as such is tasked with procuring and overseeing the installation of two items of equipment to perform: (1) automated protein crystallization drop setting and (2) automated optimization of protein crystallization experiments. This equipment is to enhance our productivity in structural biology of proteins that is adaptable to the needs of various research groups. This equipment will be housed within the Health Sciences Building, Queen's University Belfast, 97 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 7AE.

### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

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

### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £200,000

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

Duration in months

60

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

The contract includes the option for maintenance, servicing and the purchase of consumables to be extended until 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 III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

#### **III.1) Conditions for participation**

##### **III.1.2) Economic and financial standing**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

##### **III.1.3) Technical and professional ability**

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

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### **Section IV. Procedure**

#### **IV.1) Description**

##### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

Accelerated procedure

Justification:

The funding body associated with this procurement requires that delivery and invoicing take place by 31 March 2022. Accelerated procedure is necessary to ensure suppliers can offer equipment lead times that fall within the prescribed window of funding.

#### **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

19 November 2021

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

19 November 2021

Local time

4:30pm

Place

Remote access

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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**

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#### **VI.4.3) Review procedure**

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

This authority will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to Tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar

days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into. The Public Contract Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102) provide for aggrieved parties who have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland).