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Planning

250136 Contract for the Design, Manufacture, Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of an Agile Multifunctional Composite Automation cell

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Reference

250136

Description

Queen's University Belfast require a Contract for a 6 Axis CNC Gantry Agile multifunctional composites automated ply lay-up machine, designed to manipulate modular process heads for high productivity and quality.

It is anticipated the tender will be published week commencing 26/05/2025 and close 23/06/2025.

Total value (estimated)

- £4,583,333 excluding VAT
- £5,499,999 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 July 2025 to 31 July 2030
- Possible extension to 30 July 2040
- 15 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 31640000 - Machines and apparatus with individual functions

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 March 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Queen's staff have undertaken pre market engagement activity including discussions with a number of companies.

The activity was undertaken in order to:

- 1- gain a better understanding of what the market can offer and if the market was capable of responding to a tender in relation to this requirement;
- 2- identify potential suppliers for the requirement;
- 3- understand potential lead times, and
- 4- gain an understanding of the commercial profile for the requirement.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

28 May 2025

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland