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Planning

250134 Design, Supply, Delivery, Installation and ongoing Maintenance of an Autoclave for Composite Research

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Description

Queen's University of Belfast wishes to procure a large (3m x 6m) autoclave for carrying out industrial research for composite processing. This autoclave will be used for conventional composites (carbon and glass fibre), natural fibre composites and thermoplastic composites including using high temperature polymers such as PEEK.

It is anticipated the tender will be published week commencing 09/06/2025 and close 07/07/2025.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 September 2025 to 1 September 2030
- Possible extension to 1 September 2040
- 15 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33191110 - Autoclaves

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)

12 June 2025

Contracting authority

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland