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Tender

## **Provision of Food Science Laboratory Equipment (Four Lots)**

DN Colleges Group

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

CA16214

### **Description**

DN Colleges Group (DNCG) has successfully secured targeted capital investment to deliver a strategic initiative focused on enhancing skills, innovation, and infrastructure across the food and agri-tech sectors. This investment forms part of a broader partnership between DNCG, the UK Food Valley initiative, and the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

The UK Food Valley aims to position Greater Lincolnshire as a global leader in sustainable food production, agricultural innovation, and integrated supply chains. The region is already home to a nationally significant food manufacturing base, and this programme builds on those existing strengths to unlock further growth, inward investment, and workforce

development.

As part of this regional initiative, DNCG is developing a new suite of higher education programmes in Food Science, designed to equip learners with the technical knowledge and applied skills required to secure high-quality employment within the agri-food i

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £520,000 excluding VAT
- £520,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2026
- Possible extension to 30 November 2028
- 3 years

Description of possible extension:

Maximum 2 extensions of 12 months per extension.

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

## **Not the same for all lots**

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 1. Lot 1 - Chemistry Equipment**

### **Description**

This Lot covers essential chemistry and analytical instruments required to deliver core modules within the Food Science degree programme. The equipment will support hands-on learning in sample preparation, composition analysis, food chemistry, and testing of food properties such as pH, texture, and moisture. Equipment must be suitable for use by students under supervision and must withstand frequent laboratory use.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £104,000 excluding VAT
- £104,000 including VAT

### **CPV classifications**

- 38437000 - Laboratory pipettes and accessories

## **Same for all lots**

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Lot 2. Lot 2 - Dairy Equipment**

### **Description**

This Lot includes a range of small-scale, food-safe dairy processing and analysis equipment to support hands-on delivery of food science modules related to milk treatment, product formulation, dairy microbiology, and compositional analysis. Equipment will allow students to carry out pasteurisation, separation, churning, fermentation, cooling, and testing of milk and dairy products in a controlled teaching environment.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £78,000 excluding VAT
- £78,000 including VAT

### **CPV classifications**

- 38400000 - Instruments for checking physical characteristics
- 38437000 - Laboratory pipettes and accessories
- 42900000 - Miscellaneous general and special-purpose machinery

- 39310000 - Catering equipment

## **Same for all lots**

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## **Lot 3. Lot 3 - Cell Culture Equipment**

### **Description**

This Lot supports aseptic techniques and cell culture-based analysis within the Food Science curriculum. It includes critical containment and imaging equipment to enable microbial testing, contamination control, and observational work on cell growth, foodborne pathogens, and biofilms. This equipment is fundamental to modules involving microbiological testing, bioprocessing, food safety, and modern research techniques in food science.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £104,000 excluding VAT
- £104,000 including VAT

### **CPV classifications**

- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus

## Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## Lot 4. Lot 4 - Specialist Equipment

### Description

This Lot includes advanced scientific instrumentation required to deliver high-level analytical and research-led content within the Food Science degree programme. These instruments support modules in food chemistry, food safety, molecular biology, quality assurance, and nutritional analysis. The equipment must be suitable for both practical undergraduate teaching and research applications and must meet professional standards for accuracy, sensitivity, throughput, and data analysis.

### Lot value (estimated)

- £234,000 excluding VAT
- £234,000 including VAT

### CPV classifications

- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments
- 38437000 - Laboratory pipettes and accessories

## Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

**Lot 1. Lot 1 - Chemistry Equipment**

**Lot 2. Lot 2 - Dairy Equipment**

**Lot 3. Lot 3 - Cell Culture Equipment**

**Lot 4. Lot 4 - Specialist Equipment**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

11 August 2025, 1:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

18 August 2025, 1:00pm

## Submission address and any special instructions

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## Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

1 December 2025

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Technical Quality Requirements	Technical Quality Requirements	Quality	50.0%
Price	Price	Price	40.0%
Added Value	Added Value	Quality	10.0%

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## Other information

### Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Open procedure

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## Contracting authority

### DN Colleges Group

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZBH-4782-ZMWY

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Organisation type: Public undertaking (commercial organisation subject to public authority oversight)