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Tender

UKRI-5037 Automated Ultramicrotome and Trimming Tool

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Scope

Description

The LMB are looking at sourcing an automated ultramicrotome system and a rapid trimming tool in order to allow the preparation of samples for imaging on electron and optical microscopes.

Total value (estimated)

- £190,000 excluding VAT
- £228,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 October 2025 to 19 March 2026

- Possible extension to 19 March 2030
- 4 years, 5 months, 17 days

Description of possible extension:

Options to extend the contract to included extended warranty period

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

Options to include extended warranty

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

22 August 2025, 2:00pm

Tender submission deadline

29 August 2025, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://ukri2.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend__CS_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a1MQH000004kbdT2AQ&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 September 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Price	Price criteria	Price	30.00%
Anti-vibration System	Price criteria	Quality	15.00%
Section Thickness	Price criteria	Quality	10.00%
Cutting and Advance control	Price criteria	Quality	10.00%
User interface memory and data export	Price criteria	Quality	10.00%
Delivery and Installation	Price criteria	Quality	10.00%
Social Value	Price criteria	Quality	10.00%
Warranty, service and training	Price criteria	Quality	5.00%

Other information

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Not Required

Contracting authority

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDQJ-7126-JDHG

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government

