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Planning

UKRI-5100 MRC Harwell - Automated Bottle Processing System

UK Research & Innovation (UKRI)

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Removal of the sentence "you won't be able to view the tender documents" as this is misleading

Scope

Description

UKRI-5100 MRC Harwell - Automated Bottle Processing System UK Research and Innovation - Medical Research Council at Harwell is seeking market engagement regarding replacement of its existing automated bottle processing system. A critical element of the operation, the requirement is for a new automated bottle washing system which comprises the following elements: automatic bottle de-capping, bottle emptying, washing and rinsing. It is anticipated that existing logistics will be used with any new system. It is also anticipated that any new system will contribute towards utilities reductions and the UKRI's carbon reduction strategy. Project budget is estimated at £300,000.00 ex-vat. The purpose of this Pre Market Engagement notice is to inform the market of the upcoming requirement and to engage with equipment manufacturers and installers to inform the development of the tender specification. To facilitate a discussion on the possible solutions, we would like to invite potential suppliers to visit site on Monday 11th August. Suppliers interested in taking part in this engagement activity are required to provide a brief outline of their company (in no more than one side of A4), detailing the range of equipment supplied that are relevant to this requirement. Suppliers must also be able to provide details of one location, preferably in the UK, where they have completed a successful install. To respond to this Requirement, please follow this link:

https://ukri2.my.salesforce-sites.com/ProSpend__CS_ContractPage?SearchType=Projects&uid=a1MQH000004koab2AA&searchStr=&sortStr=Recently+Published&page=1&filters=&County= Instructions on how to respond: 1. Log in or create an account here:

<https://ukri2.my.site.com> 2. Navigate to the opportunity in the Find an Opportunity section of the site or via the direct access link above. 3. Select Register Interest in order to view the short questionnaire. Suppliers are to respond with this information by 17:00

Wednesday 6th August. Depending upon the number of responses received, UKRI may choose to limit the number of suppliers it directly engages with, but will ensure that it takes a representative sample from all valid responses, taking into account size and type of business and experience in this market. UKRI shall limit any formal engagement to only those suppliers who have provided sufficient evidence of having completed a verifiable and relevant supply and/or installation.

Total value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 6 months

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 42921000 - Machinery for cleaning, filling, packing or wrapping bottles or other containers

Contract locations

- UKJ14 - Oxfordshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 August 2025

Engagement process description

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Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

28 August 2025

Contracting authority

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