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Tender

## Smart Agricultural Research Centre Development

Nottingham Trent University (NTU)

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## Scope

## Reference

2923

## Description

The design, supply, installation, and commissioning of a state-of-the-art modular vertical farming system. This infrastructure will support a wide range of academic and commercial research projects in controlled environment agriculture (CEA), with a strong emphasis on flexibility, modularity, and precision control.

## Total value (estimated)

- £459,266 excluding VAT
- £551,119.20 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 3 November 2025 to 1 April 2029
- 3 years, 4 months, 29 days

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **Additional procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 77300000 - Horticultural services
- 77100000 - Agricultural services

### **Contract locations**

- UKF14 - Nottingham

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

See Tender Documentation

## **Technical ability conditions of participation**

See Tender Documentation

## **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

3 September 2025, 12:00pm

### **Tender submission deadline**

8 September 2025, 10:00am

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=96864&B=](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=96864&B=)

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

16 October 2025

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## Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Commercial Offer	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Cost	25%
Flexibility and Research Suitability	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	20%
Technical Compliance and System Quality	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	16%
After-Sales Support, Warranty, and Maintenance	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	10%
Sustainability and Energy Efficiency	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	10%
Methodology for Installation	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	5%
Health & Safety	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	5%
Training and Support	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	3%
Innovation and Future-Proofing	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	3%

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Value-Added Collaboration and Strategic Partnership	Please see tender documentation for award criteria	Quality	3%

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## **Other information**

### **Payment terms**

See Tender Documentation

### **Description of risks to contract performance**

N/A

### **Applicable trade agreements**

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

## **Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice**

Funding deadline for delivery of the project.

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Nottingham Trent University (NTU)**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government