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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.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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

20 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

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%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

DN Colleges Group

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