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Planning

## **250229 Design, Supply, Delivery, Installation and Maintenance of an Agile Multifunctional Composite Automation Cell**

Queen's University Belfast

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### **Scope**

### **Description**

Queen's University Belfast require a Contract for a 6 Axis CNC Gantry Agile multifunctional composites automated ply lay-up machine, designed to manipulate modular process heads for high productivity and quality.

It is anticipated the tender will be published 28/08/2025 and close 23/09/2025.

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

- £5,000,000 excluding VAT
- £6,000,000 including VAT

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

- 3 November 2025 to 2 November 2030
- Possible extension to 2 November 2040
- 15 years

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 31640000 - Machines and apparatus with individual functions

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

31 July 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

### **Engagement process description**

Queen's staff have undertaken pre market engagement activity including discussions with a number of companies.

The activity was undertaken in order to:

1- gain a better understanding of what the market can offer and if the market was capable

of responding to a tender in relation to this requirement;

2- identify potential suppliers for the requirement;

3- understand potential lead times, and

4- gain an understanding of the commercial profile for the requirement.

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

28 August 2025

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Queen's University Belfast**

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland