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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

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.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

28 August 2025

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland