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Planning

250220 Contract for the supply, delivery, installation and ongoing maintenance of a universal horizontal machining center for the machining and profiling of metal bar and extrusions

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Description

Queen's University Belfast require a contract for the supply, delivery, installation and ongoing maintenance of a universal horizontal machining center for the machining and profiling of metal bar and extrusions to allow 5 axis machining of complex aerospace parts in fewer setups.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 30 October 2025 to 29 October 2030
- Possible extension to 29 October 2040
- 15 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 42000000 - Industrial machinery

Engagement

Engagement deadline

1 August 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Queen's staff have undertaken pre market engagement activity with a number of suppliers 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

Participation in preliminary market engagement is not a prerequisite for participation in any future tender exercise.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

5 September 2025

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland