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Planning

Single-molecule counting and digital quantification of RNA molecules instrument

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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Scope

Reference

C388647

Description

UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is conducting Preliminary Market Engagement to understand from suppliers the general levels of market availability, interest and capability for an instrument that can provide direct, single-molecule counting and digital quantification of specific RNA molecules via a survey. Following on from this, suppliers may be contacted for further information if UKHSA deem it necessary. Responses will then be used to consider the best sourcing approach, which has not yet been decided.

The Radiation Effects Department, as part of UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) requires a replacement for a vital piece of equipment due to the current instrument being beyond repair. This equipment is essential to achieve key business objectives in the Radiation Effects Department. This piece of equipment will be used by The Cancer

Mechanism and Biomarkers group, PHD students and is also essential for the center biological dosimetry capability in case of radiological emergencies to name a few.

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Total value (estimated)

- £142,300 excluding VAT
- £170,760 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 31 October 2025 to 30 October 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33100000 - Medical equipments

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom
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Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 October 2025

Engagement process description

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The deadline for responses is 06/10/2025

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

22 October 2025

Contracting authority

Secretary of State for Health and Social Care acting as part of the Crown through UK Health Security Agency

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government