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Tender

250206 - Contract for the Supply, Delivery (unloaded and positioned at the point of use), Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of an Anaerobic Single Cell Microbial Isolation Platform

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Reference

250206

Description

The goal of this procurement is to acquire a Single Cell Microbial Isolation Platform operable within a Coy anaerobic chamber, enabling the isolation of strict anaerobic bacteria without compromising viability.

The supplier must demonstrate the successful operation of this Single Cell Microbial Isolation Platform model in an identical chamber, ensuring proven compatibility.

Desired outcomes are to increase throughput, precision, and reproducibility in anaerobic bacterial sorting, supporting advanced research in microbial ecology, synthetic biology, and clinical microbiology. With this equipment, we will be able to anaerobically sort and

study both known and previously uncultured rumen bacteria, saving time and costs in the long run of isolating novel strains, and opening new opportunities to discover effective microbial candidates for reducing methane emissions.

The execution of this tender & contract will be solely dependent on grant funding being received, which is estimated to be confirmed in November 2025.

No award will be made, or orders issued, until the grant funding has been confirmed. If grant funding is not secured, the market will be notified, and this procurement exercise will be stood down.

Please note it may be a requirement of the funding body associated with this procurement that delivery and invoicing take place by 31st March 2026. Where this is the case, the successful Supplier will be asked to confirm their ability to meet the required deadline prior to the award of the Contract being confirmed.

Where the 1st-ranked Supplier is unable to meet the deadline, their Tender Response will be rejected, and the 2nd-ranked Supplier will be asked to confirm their ability to meet the deadline and so on until a Supplier can confirm that the date can be met.

Time is of the essence when it comes to the delivery and invoicing of equipment within stipulated deadlines.

Total value (estimated)

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 8 December 2025 to 8 December 2030
- Possible extension to 8 December 2035
- 10 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Options are available to extend for a further 60 months or until the end of the equipment's usable life.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments

Contract locations

- UKN06 - Belfast

Submission

Enquiry deadline

27 October 2025, 4:00pm

Tender submission deadline

3 November 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast/aspx/Home>

Suppliers wishing to express an interest in this tender must register at this address and download the documentation

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

24 November 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	Mandatory Technical Requirements Pass /Fail Qualitative Requirements 5% Sustainable Procurement 5% Price 90%	Price

Weighting description

Mandatory Technical Requirements Pass /Fail

Qualitative Requirements 5%

Sustainable Procurement 5%

Price 90%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland