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Planning

250253 - Contract for Supply, delivery and Installation of a Metabolic Monitoring System for Mice.

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Reference

250253

Description

School of Medicine, Dentistry & Biomedical Sciences, Biological Services Unit (BSU) wishes to purchase and install a rodent metabolic cage system at the BSU, which can offer high-resolution, real-time collection of metabolic, and behavioural phenotyping data in mice. This includes simultaneously measuring energy expenditure, food and water consumption and physical activity in live animals.

- Please note: - 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.

Total value (estimated)

- £391,250 excluding VAT
- £469,500 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 December 2025 to 15 December 2035
- Possible extension to 15 December 2045
- 20 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38432000 - Analysis apparatus

Contract locations

- UKN06 - Belfast

Engagement

Engagement deadline

6 July 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

Engagement (PME) exercise was conducted prior to the commencement of this procurement to assess market capability, inform the specification, and ensure the procurement approach is appropriate and proportionate. The PME included engagement with potential suppliers and stakeholders to identify best practice, gauge market interest, and understand any barriers to participation.

Feedback from the PME has been considered and incorporated into the procurement strategy and documentation, ensuring transparency, equal treatment, and value for money in line with the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

10 October 2025

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland