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Planning

250075 - Contract for supply, Delivery, Installation, commissioning and Maintenance of an In vivo Optical Imaging System

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Reference

250075

Description

The imaging equipment in the Biological Services Unit (BSU) is no longer fit for purpose.

Therefore, the department requires to purchase an In Vivo Optical Imaging System.

The equipment will serve multiple users, open to anyone with permissions to conduct such regulated work and support for multi-spectral luminescence/fluorescence imaging capability at QUB.

In vivo imaging is leading edge in animal research, aligning with commitment to 3Rs and QUB priorities in delivering research excellence.

- 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)

- £849,475 excluding VAT
- £1,019,370 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 December 2025 to 20 December 2035
- Possible extension to 20 December 2040
- 15 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38636000 - Specialist optical instruments

Contract locations

- UKN06 - Belfast

Engagement

Engagement deadline

7 August 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

Engagement process description

A Pre-Market 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.

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