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Tender

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

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

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

Description of possible extension:

option to extend maintenance, software updates/ development and consumables, beyond this period for a further period of up to 10 years or the end of useful life of the equipment.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

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

Contract locations

- UKN06 - Belfast

Submission

Tender submission deadline

7 November 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

15 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	Mandatory Requirements - Pass/Fail Desirable Technical Requirements - 10% Qualitative Requirements - 25% Sustainable Procurement - 10% Price - 55%	Price

Weighting description

Mandatory Requirements - Pass/Fail

Desirable Technical Requirements - 10%

Qualitative Requirements - 25%

Sustainable Procurement - 10%

Price - 55%

Other information

Payment terms

30 days after delivery on receipt of a valid and undisputed invoice.

Description of risks to contract performance

The contracting authority recognises that certain risks associated with the procurement and operation of an In Vivo Optical Imaging System are not fully quantifiable at the time of tender. These 'known unknowns' include, but are not limited to, technology evolution, integration challenges, supply chain disruptions, software lifecycle changes, increased value or scope due to demand requirements, regulatory shifts, data security concerns and operational continuity risks. Suppliers are expected to identify any foreseeable risks, propose mitigation strategies, and demonstrate flexibility in addressing emerging issues throughout the contract lifecycle. Whilst it is not possible at this stage to fully anticipate the nature or extent of future requirements, nor to determine their potential impact on contract performance, QUB recognises that such changes may arise over the course of the contract. Accordingly, it is acknowledged that these circumstances may necessitate a modification of the contract to appropriately address and accommodate any emerging risks or requirements.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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

Tender documents for Contract for supply, Delivery, Installation, commissioning and Maintenance of an In vivo Optical Imaging System can be accessed free of charge through <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast.aspx/Home>

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland