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Tender

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

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

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

Description of possible extension:

option to extend maintenance, software updates/ development, consumables & ancillary items, 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

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

Contract locations

- UKN06 - Belfast

Submission

Tender submission deadline

6 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)

1 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical - 45% - made up of:- • Sustainability - 5% • Desirables - 25% • Ease of use - 5% • Servicing and maintenance - 10% • Price - 55% • Mandatory Specification - Pass/Fail 	Price

Weighting description

- Technical - 45% - made up of:-
- Sustainability - 5%
- Desirables - 25%
- Ease of use - 5%
- Servicing and maintenance - 10%
- Price - 55%
- Mandatory Specification - Pass/Fail

Other information

Payment terms

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

Description of risks to contract performance

QUB recognises that certain risks associated with the procurement and operation of a

metabolic monitoring system for mice 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, and software lifecycle changes, increased value or scope due to demand requirements. 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 developments or integration 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>

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland