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Planning

PRELIMINARY MARKET ENGAGEMENT for: Customized Silicone & Colour 3D Printer

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM (THE)

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Scope

Reference

2546/SC

Description

This is a request for market interest for the build, supply, installation, commissioning, and training of a customized 3D printing system designed for multi-material silicone and colour deposition. The system will be used for research and prototyping purposes, enabling accurate deposition and controlled curing of silicone-based formulations with optional integration of coloured materials. It must support flexible printhead operation, temperature management, and programmable printing strategies.

The equipment should be compatible with existing laboratory infrastructure and allow for future upgrades (e.g., additional material printheads, support-material module, UV curing, or in-line inspection). The rig is intended to be fully operational by 01/06/2026 to align with ongoing research activities.

Further specification information can be obtained by contacting Sabrina.Cox@Nottingham.ac.uk

Expressions of interest will only be considered up to and including the 12th of November 2025.

Total value (estimated)

- £125,000 excluding VAT
- £150,000 including VAT

Below the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 December 2025 to 30 June 2027
- 1 year, 7 months

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 30232100 - Printers and plotters
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 42962000 - Printing and graphics equipment

Contract locations

- UKF14 - Nottingham

Engagement

Engagement deadline

12 November 2025

Engagement process description

Expressions of interest and further specification information can be obtained by contacting Sabrina Cox, University of Nottingham Procurement Partner for Engineering using email address Sabrina.Cox@Nottingham.ac.uk

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Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Contracting authority

UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM (THE)

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXXD-7294-MZXW

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