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Tender

Procurement of a Multi-purpose Confocal Imaging System

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Scope

Reference

Lab-2505-105-PC_3343

Description

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The University of Bristol's Wolfson Bioimaging Facility based in the Faculty of Health and Life Sciences wishes to expand its current suite of fluorescence microscopes (confocal, spinning disk, widefield, lightsheet, multiphoton, TIRF, SMLM, STED, FLIM) to extend capacity and capabilities for live cell, organism and organoid imaging.

The opportunity to expand the Wolfson Bioimaging Facility has arisen following the award

of a BBSRC ALERT 24 grant to provide equipment for fast confocal imaging with low photodamage and high sensitivity.

Total value (estimated)

- £600,000 excluding VAT
- £720,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 15 January 2026 to 31 July 2029
- 3 years, 6 months, 17 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38500000 - Checking and testing apparatus
- 38600000 - Optical instruments

Contract locations

- CZ03 - South-West
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

21 November 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

1 December 2025, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://tenders.bris.ac.uk/>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

18 December 2025

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	80%
Commercial	Price	20%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government