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Tender

Supply of Parallel Bioreactor including Maintenance and Consumables

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Scope

Reference

C394284

Description

NHS Blood and Transplant is leading a procurement for the provision and maintenance of a Parallel Bioreactor and associated consumables.

We are looking to appoint one (1) Supplier for the provision of this requirement.

The Clinical Biotechnology Centre (CBC) are committed to providing manufacturing capability for viral vector products used in cell and gene therapies. As part of the Medical Research Council funded network for innovation in gene therapies, the CBC anticipate onboarding multiple viral vector projects per year. To reduce the risk of failed batches in GMP manufacturing, the onboarding process, any GMP contracts will be subject to intensive process definition at small scale prior to proceeding with GMP manufacturing contracts.

The required parallel small-scale bioreactor system is critical for the onboarding process in allowing the process development to characterise the operational space (experimental space) and its critical process parameters. A small-scale parallel enables these parameters to be established at reduced scale enabling a larger number of parameters to be established.

Total value (estimated)

- £680,000 excluding VAT
- £816,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 19 January 2026 to 18 January 2031
- Possible extension to 18 January 2036
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

Possible five extensions in twelve monthly increments for a maximum contract duration of ten years.

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

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Main procurement category

Goods

Additional procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 33100000 - Medical equipments
- 33698000 - Clinical products

Contract locations

- UKK11 - Bristol, City of

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

See tender documents

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

5 December 2025, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

12 December 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://atamis-1928.my.site.com/s/Welcome>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

19 December 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 1 November 2035

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Cost	70.00%
Quality	Quality	20.00%
Social Value	Quality	10.00%

Other information

Payment terms

30 days

Description of risks to contract performance

Changes in regulatory requirements

Applicable trade agreements

- Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

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

NHS Blood and Transplant

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government