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Planning

## **250164 - Contract for the Supply, Delivery (unloaded and positioned at the point of use), Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of a Turnkey Injection Moulding System for Polymer and Composite Research**

Queen's University Belfast

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

250164

### **Description**

Queen's University Belfast wish to procure A Turnkey Injection Moulding System for Polymer and Composite Research

The procurement of this state-of-the-art injection moulding machine forms a critical component of the new Polymer Micro-Processing Suite at Queen's University Belfast (QUB). The goal is to establish a unique UK capability for gram-to-kilogram scale injection moulding trials, enabling early-stage polymer and composite innovation, hands-on training for students, and collaborative R&D with industry, particularly Northern Ireland SMEs.

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £416,666 excluding VAT
- £500,000 including VAT

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 22 December 2025 to 22 December 2030
- Possible extension to 22 December 2035
- 10 years, 1 day

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 42642500 - Machine tools for working hard plastics
- 42994000 - Machinery for working rubber or plastics
- 42994200 - Machinery for working plastics

### **Contract locations**

- UKN06 - Belfast

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## **Engagement**

## **Engagement deadline**

6 October 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

## **Engagement process description**

Queen's staff have undertaken pre-market engagement activity with a number of suppliers. The activity was undertaken in order to: 1- gain a better understanding of what the market can offer and if the market is capable of responding to a tender in relation to this requirement; 2- identify potential suppliers for the requirement; 3- understand potential lead times, and 4- gain an understanding of the commercial profile for the requirement. Participation in preliminary market engagement is not a prerequisite for participation in any future tender exercise.

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

14 November 2025

## Contracting authority

### Queen's University Belfast

- Charity Commission for Northern Ireland: 101788

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland