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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

# **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

# **Participation**

## Particular suitability

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

## **Submission**

## Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

14 November 2025

# **Contracting authority**

## **Queen's University Belfast**

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland