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Planning

## **250321 Contract for Supply, delivery and Installation of a Metabolic Monitoring System for Mice.**

Queen's University Belfast

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

250321

### **Description**

School of Medicine, Dentistry & Biomedical Sciences, Biological Services Unit (BSU) wishes to purchase and install a rodent metabolic cage system at the BSU, which can offer high-resolution, real-time collection of metabolic, and behavioural phenotyping data in mice. This includes simultaneously measuring energy expenditure, food and water consumption and physical activity in live animals.

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

- £391,250 excluding VAT

- £469,500 including VAT

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

- 23 January 2026 to 23 January 2046
- Possible extension to 23 January 2056
- 30 years, 1 day

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38340000 - Instruments for measuring quantities
- 38430000 - Detection and analysis apparatus
- 38970000 - Research, testing and scientific technical simulator

### **Contract locations**

- UKN06 - Belfast

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

6 July 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

## **Engagement process description**

Engagement (PME) exercise was conducted prior to the commencement of this procurement to assess market capability, inform the specification, and ensure the procurement approach is appropriate and proportionate. The PME included engagement with potential suppliers and stakeholders to identify best practice, gauge market interest, and understand any barriers to participation.

Feedback from the PME has been considered and incorporated into the procurement strategy and documentation, ensuring transparency, equal treatment, and value for money in line with the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

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

14 November 2025

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## **Contracting authority**

### **Queen's University Belfast**

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Region: UKN06 - Belfast

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland