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Tender

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

Queen's University Belfast

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

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Please note that changes have been made to the mandatory and desirable technical requirements for this procurement. Suppliers are strongly advised to review the latest clarifications relating to the specification to ensure their submissions align with these updates.

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

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

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

Description of possible extension:

option to extend maintenance, software updates/ development, consumables & ancillary items, beyond this period for a further period of up to 10 years or the end of useful life of the equipment.

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

Submission

Tender submission deadline

10 December 2025, 4:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast.aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

12 January 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Simple description	Technical - 45% - made up of:- • Sustainability - 5% • Desirables - 25% • Ease of use - 5% • Servicing and maintenance - 10% • Price - 55% • Mandatory Specification - Pass/Fail	Price

Weighting description

Technical - 45% - made up of:-

- Sustainability - 5%
- Desirables - 25%
- Ease of use - 5%
- Servicing and maintenance - 10%
- Price - 55%
- Mandatory Specification - Pass/Fail

Other information

Payment terms

30 days after delivery, upon receipt of a valid and undisputed invoice

Description of risks to contract performance

QUB recognises that certain risks associated with the procurement and operation of a metabolic monitoring system for mice are not fully quantifiable at the time of tender. These 'known unknowns' include, but are not limited to, technology evolution, integration challenges, supply chain disruptions, and software lifecycle changes, increased value or scope due to demand requirements. Suppliers are expected to identify any foreseeable risks, propose mitigation strategies, and demonstrate flexibility in addressing emerging issues throughout the contract lifecycle.

Whilst it is not possible at this stage to fully anticipate the nature or extent of future developments or integration requirements, nor to determine their potential impact on contract performance, QUB recognises that such changes may arise over the course of the contract. Accordingly, it is acknowledged that these circumstances may necessitate a modification of the contract to appropriately address and accommodate any emerging risks or requirements.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

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Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland