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Planning

## Planned Tender for CDMO Provider

Cardiff University

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## Scope

## Description

Cardiff University are issuing this PPN to make the market aware that we intend on going out to market to secure an experienced and competent CDMO to facilitate the manufacturing and delivery of medicines related to an ongoing medical/pharmaceutical research project.

PLEASE NOTE - PME has been conducted with select CDMO providers in advance of this tender under NDAs. A summary of said PME is available to interested parties in advance of the tender itself, for those who complete and return the attached NDA. Should an interested party fail to return an NDA for access to PME early as part of this notice, an NDA will be required upon joining of the published tender, where the PME detail will also be available.

Should an NDA be returned before the publishing of this tender, please email the completed NDAs to [Procurement@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:Procurement@cardiff.ac.uk) for us to review, countersign, and provide the PME detail for your review.

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £452,168 excluding VAT
- £452,168 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2027
- 1 year

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 33600000 - Pharmaceutical products
- 73100000 - Research and experimental development services

## **Contract locations**

- UKL2 - East Wales

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## **Participation**

### **Particular suitability**

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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## **Submission**

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

12 January 2026

### **Submission type**

Requests to participate

### **Deadline for requests to participate**

13 January 2026, 1:00am

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

- Welsh
- English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

9 March 2026

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## Award criteria

| Name                    | Description  | Type    | Weighting |
|-------------------------|--|---------|-----------|
| Quality                 | Standard quality based Quality question              |         | 60.00%    |
| Pricing                 |  | Price   | 30.00%    |
| Responsible Procurement | Quality questions focussed on sustainability and ESG | Quality | 10.00%    |

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

### Competitive flexible procedure description

A competitive flexible procedure has been chosen for this requirement to allow for a negotiation stage due to the complexities involved in procuring services for the manufacturing of trial pharmaceuticals and the associated terms and conditions. Stage 1 will be a standard tendering process with bidders who return an NDA from this notice, or the tender notice to provide responses and pricing per tender documents, followed by a terms and conditions negotiation stage (stage 2) for the finer points of the master services agreement to be agreed and finalised.

### Reduced tendering period

Yes

Qualifying planned procurement notice - minimum 10 days

## Documents

### Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Upon posting of the formal tender notice, all documents will be available via a tender e-portal InTend link.

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## Contracting authority

### Cardiff University

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHVT-4343-HWYR

Procurement Services

Cardiff

CF24 4HQ

United Kingdom

Email: [rower4@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:rower4@cardiff.ac.uk)

Website: <http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/business/why-work-with-us/for-suppliers>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales