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Planning

250294 PME for the Supply, delivery, commission, installation, consumables, & maintenance of a Femtosecond Laser Workstation

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The Advanced Manufacturing Innovation Centre (AMIC), led by Queen's University Belfast, is key to an exciting future for manufacturing in Northern Ireland, as an industry-led, open-access manufacturing and engineering innovation centre with state-of-the-art facilities and an expert engineering team, underpinned by academic excellence.

AMIC is expanding its core capabilities in Digital Factory, Smart Design, Sustainable Polymers and Composites Nanotechnology and Photonics. With a growing team of

engineers and technologists (currently 50 strong) and building upon a track-record of collaboration with manufacturers it will deliver industry 4.0 solutions for industry. Supported through a £98M investment via Belfast Region City Deal, a 10,000m² Factory of the Future facility will open at Global Point Newtownabbey in early 2026. The equipment being purchased is critical to the organisational strategy.

As part of this project Queen's University Belfast wish to procure a Femtosecond Laser Workstation.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 April 2026 to 20 April 2028
- Possible extension to 20 April 2038
- 12 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38636100 - Lasers

Contract locations

- UKN - Northern Ireland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

19 January 2026

Engagement process description

AMIC is expanding its core capabilities in Digital Factory, Smart Design, Sustainable Polymers and Composites, Nanotechnology and Photonics.

As part of this project, Queen's University Belfast is seeking expressions of interest from suppliers as we wish to procure a Femtosecond Laser Workstation.

Queen's staff wish to engage with suppliers prior to procuring this equipment to:

- 1 - gain a better understanding of what the market can offer and if the market can respond to a tender meeting our requirements.
- 2 - identify potential suppliers able to provide the requirement.
- 3 - understand potential lead times.
- 4 - gain an understanding of the commercial profile for the requirement.

A pre-market engagement questionnaire has been published here:

<https://intendhost.co.uk/queensuniversitybelfast>. Interested parties are asked to complete and

return this questionnaire via the InTend platform within 40 days of this notice. Queen's may then contact suppliers for further discussion of the information received in the questionnaire. Queen's do not guarantee that they will speak to every supplier who submits a return.

Participation in the pre-market engagement exercise is not a pre-requisite to participation in any future tender exercise, however, the information provided may be used to inform

decisions around the tender exercise. Queen's welcome all participation in this Pre Market engagement exercise.

This Pre Market Engagement exercise is not a call for competition and does not commit Queen's to proceed with a formal procurement. Queen's is not obligated to adopt supplier feedback into the process.

Please note that Queen's University is closed 23 December 2025 to 1 January 2026 inclusive.

Any queries received during this time will be answered when the University re-opens.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

19 February 2026

Contracting authority

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Devolved regulations that apply: Northern Ireland