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Award

250206 - Contract for the Supply, Delivery (unloaded and positioned at the point of use), Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of an Anaerobic Single Cell Microbial Isolation Platform

Queen's University Belfast

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Scope

Reference

250206

Description

The goal of this procurement is to acquire a Single Cell Microbial Isolation Platform operable within a Coy anaerobic chamber, enabling the isolation of strict anaerobic bacteria without compromising viability.

The supplier must demonstrate the successful operation of this Single Cell Microbial Isolation Platform model in an identical chamber, ensuring proven compatibility.

Desired outcomes are to increase throughput, precision, and reproducibility in anaerobic bacterial sorting, supporting advanced research in microbial ecology, synthetic biology, and clinical microbiology. With this equipment, we will be able to anaerobically sort and

study both known and previously uncultured rumen bacteria, saving time and costs in the long run of isolating novel strains, and opening new opportunities to discover effective microbial candidates for reducing methane emissions.

The execution of this tender & contract will be solely dependent on grant funding being received, which is estimated to be confirmed in November 2025.

No award will be made, or orders issued, until the grant funding has been confirmed. If grant funding is not secured, the market will be notified, and this procurement exercise will be stood down.

Please note it may be a requirement of the funding body associated with this procurement that delivery and invoicing take place by 31st March 2026. Where this is the case, the successful Supplier will be asked to confirm their ability to meet the required deadline prior to the award of the Contract being confirmed.

Where the 1st-ranked Supplier is unable to meet the deadline, their Tender Response will be rejected, and the 2nd-ranked Supplier will be asked to confirm their ability to meet the deadline and so on until a Supplier can confirm that the date can be met.

Time is of the essence when it comes to the delivery and invoicing of equipment within stipulated deadlines.

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Supplier

- [Scienion UK Ltd](#)

Contract value

- £360,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Award decision date

22 December 2025

Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers

22 December 2025

Standstill period

- End: 6 January 2026
- 8 working days

Earliest date the contract will be signed

7 January 2026

Contract dates (estimated)

- 12 January 2026 to 12 January 2026
- Possible extension to 12 January 2031
- 5 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Options are available to extend for a further 60 months or until the end of the equipment's usable life. including the purchase of any associated consumables & ancillary items

Main procurement category

Goods

Options

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

The Right to additional purchases while the contact is valid

CPV classifications

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 38900000 - Miscellaneous evaluation or testing instruments

Information about tenders

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
 - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Supplier

Scienion UK Ltd

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168 Church Road

Hove

BN3 2DL

United Kingdom

Email: mike.helme@cytena.com

Website: <https://www.scienion.com/>

Region: UKJ21 - Brighton and Hove

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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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