



CALL FOR TENDER

Establishment of a Single Party Framework Agreement for	The Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of Biopharma Processing Equipment in four (4) lots for Cork Education and Training Board.
Procedure	OPEN
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The dates provided above are estimates at the time of issue of this Invitation to Tender. The Contracting Authority will endeavour to run the process to this timetable, but this cannot be guaranteed. The Contracting Authority reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to extend the timelines identified above by giving notice on the eTenders platform to tenderers at any point. Without prejudice to the foregoing, the Contracting Authority reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to extend the closing date for receipt of tenders by giving notice via email to all parties who have expressed an interest in the competition

The Contracting Authority have provided a Tender Response Document as a separate document for tenderers to use in preparing their response to this tender. This document and format must be used.



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1 Disclaimer

This document issued herewith (“the Document”) is for information only and does not constitute, and shall not be interpreted as, an offer for sale, prospectus, or the basis of a contract.

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- In the context of this document, Contracting Authority refers to the Cork ETB.

The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the lowest priced or any Tender.

This CFT does not constitute an offer or commitment to enter into a Framework or Contract.

No contractual rights in relation to the Contracting Authority will exist unless and until a formal written Framework Agreement has been executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

Any notification of preferred bidder status by the Contracting Authority shall not give rise to any enforceable rights by the Tenderer.

The Contracting Authority may cancel this Competition at any time prior to a formal written Contract of Framework being executed by or on behalf of the Contracting Authority.

The award of a Framework does not confer exclusivity on the successful Tenderer.

This CFT supersedes and replaces any and all previous documentation, communications and correspondence between the Contracting Authority and Tenderers, and Tenderers should place no reliance on such previous documentation and correspondence.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to discontinue the procurement process at any time for any reason.



2 Summary

Contracting Authority:	Cork Education Training Board
Nature of procurement:	The Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of Biopharma Processing Equipment in four (4) lots for Cork Education and Training Board.
Type:	Goods
Procedure:	Open Procedure
Stage in procedure:	This is a single stage tender procedure whereby all interested parties may tender, but only those meeting the selection criteria (financial and technical capacity) will be deemed eligible for evaluation against the award criteria.



3 About the Contracting Authority

The Cork Education and Training Board (the “Contracting Authority”) is the authority responsible for this procurement.

The Cork ETB responsible for the delivery of services in Cork City and County and is one of 16 ETBs established under the *Education and Training Boards Act 2013*. The remit of Education and Training Boards, as statutory providers of education, is the provision of a comprehensive range of quality education programmes to meet the needs of the community we serve. These include Primary and Post Primary Education, Post Leaving Certificate Programmes, Further Education, Apprenticeships, Second Chance Learning, and Adult & Community Education.

The Cork ETB is responsible for:

- 24 post-primary schools and colleges
- 3 Community National Schools
- 4 Community Special Schools
- The Cork ETB School of Music
- CCFET Bishopstown Campus (including Westside Campus and Life Sciences Centre Carrigaline)
- CCFET Morrison's Island Campus (including CCFET West Cork Campus Skibbereen, Youghal Campus, CCFET Kinsale Campus and Macroom Centre)
- CCFET Douglas Street Campus
- CCFET Tramore Road Campus
- CCFET Mallow Campus
- Further Education and Training Centres across Cork City and County
- 2 Outdoor Education Centres
- Prison Education Service
- 12 Youthreach Centres
- 2 Creches
- Music Generation

Tenderers should note that this is not an exhaustive list of education and training services and locations as both service provision and locations may change over time.

For more information on Cork ETB please go to www.corketb.ie.



4 Scope of the Framework Agreement

The Contracting Authority proposes to engage in a competitive process for the establishment of a single party framework agreement for the provision of The Supply, Delivery and Commissioning of Biopharma Processing Equipment in four (4) lots for Cork Education and Training Board.

Tenderers may submit a response in respect of any individual lot or all lots under this Competition; however, each submission in respect of a lot must relate to the specific equipment required under that lot. Tenderers should note that each lot will be evaluated individually to determine compliance with the required specification.

Lot	Product Description	Quantity
1	Platform Bioreactor	1
2	Autoclave	1
3	Laminar Air Flow (LAF) Cabinet	1
4	Microbiological Safety Cabinet (MSC) (Class II)	1

In the context of a single-party framework agreement, the successful framework member **does not** have to compete for each new contract. It is emphasised that a framework agreement constitutes no guarantee to purchase a specific quantity of goods or services from a particular economic operator.

Indeed, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to operate outside of the framework agreement at its discretion, particularly should it become apparent that doing so would offer greater value for money. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the framework agreement approach has been adopted to leverage efficiencies and maximise cost savings over the duration of the framework.

4.1 Numbers Admitted to the Framework Agreement

Each framework agreement will be established as a single party framework agreement with the tenderer selected following the tender stage and the application of the award criteria. Thereafter they will be considered for the award of all contracts within the scope of each framework agreement per lot.

4.2 Duration of the Framework Agreement

Each framework agreement will be for a period of four (4) years, with the initial contract being for a period of two (2) years with the option to award two (2) additional contracts of one (1) year durations over the lifetime of the framework. The Contracting Authority reserves the right at its sole discretion to extend the framework agreement, subject to satisfactory performance, business needs and budgetary constraints.

For the avoidance of doubt, the Contracting Authority confirms that the period of any contracts awarded under each framework agreement may extend beyond the date of expiry of the agreement.



4.3 Estimated Value of the Framework Agreement

The estimated total value of purchases pursuant to the framework agreement is in the region of €3,000,000 (ex. VAT) over the lifetime of the agreement. It is emphasised, however, that this figure is provided strictly for indicative purposes only as there is no guaranteed expenditure under the framework agreement.

Should additional requirements arise during the lifetime of the contract, written quotations will be sought from the successful company to ensure Value for Money.

Funding is reliant on SOLAS budget allocations.

4.4 Awarding Contracts under the Framework Agreement

In the case of a single party framework agreement, contracts may be awarded directly on foot of the original tenders or by consultation with the framework member and invitation to provide a supplementary tender within the constraints laid down in this tender documentation and the framework agreement terms and conditions.

Admission to the Framework Agreement will be conditional upon acceptance of the Contracting Authority's Framework Agreement as appended at Appendix 5 of this Call for Tender (CFT).

Tenderers are required to review these terms and conditions and indicate their acceptance thereof as part of their tender submission. Any reservation about these terms should be submitted as a query in accordance with the procedure described in Appendix 1 Section (c) of this document.

4.5 Review of Performance

Supplier performance will be continually monitored over the term of the framework agreement. The Contracting Authority will agree the final content of a service level agreement (SLA) with the successful tenderer. The service level agreement (SLA), cost competitiveness, quality of service and turnaround time will be the main criteria for measuring performance.

The precise KPIs for performance monitoring will be agreed with the framework members. It is expected that the successful tenderer(s) will take a proactive role in monitoring performance with a view to making appropriate recommendations where necessary for continuous improvement.

Tenderers are required to provide a proposed draft service level agreement (SLA) for the Contracting Authority which will describe in detail how they propose to address the execution and performance monitoring of the service provision.

At a minimum, the proposed service level agreement (SLA) should provide a detailed strategy for handling the following aspects of service delivery:

- Project Management
- Key Performance Indicators that will be measured and reported on to include the content, nature and frequency of reporting
- Service Credits for non-performance of agreed service levels
- Communication Plan and Escalation Procedures



- Formal Complaints Procedure

The draft service level agreement (SLA) provided should also:

- provide samples of the management reports to the Contracting Authority you propose to employ for this project, indicating their proposed frequency;
- set out how you would communicate with other relevant stakeholders and the Contracting Authority's Finance department;
- detail your standard response times to requests received from the Contracting Authority, including your approach to urgent queries. This should also give an indication of the approximate length of time for projects based on various research methods.

4.6 Account Management

4.6.1 Account Manager

The Contracting Authority requires tenderers to nominate a dedicated account manager who will act as the main point of contact for the duration of the contract. This person shall have the authority to deal with all matters in relation to the contract and be responsible for the satisfactory delivery of the services required. The duties of the account manager will include the following:

- Overall responsibility for a good working relationship with the Contracting Authority;
- Provide regular reports on performance as agreed with the Contracting Authority;
- Meet as and when required to review the relationship and examine performance;
- Deal with disputes, complaints or concerns that cannot be adequately resolved;
- Regularly give and receive both formal and informal feedback on the relationship, workloads, processes, areas and suggestions for improvement and cost savings;
- Proactively discuss with the Contracting Authority ways of improving efficiency regarding service delivery in general.

NOTE: Tenderers will note that account management activities will be non-billable (i.e. the Contracting Authority will not pay separately for account management activities). The Contracting Authority will nominate authorised staff to liaise with the successful Framework Member and delegate as required.

4.6.2 Replacement Personnel

Notification must be sent in writing as soon as possible to the Contracting Authority on any proposed change of nominated personnel, such change to be subject to the written approval of the Contracting Authority. Replacement personnel must be of equal or better standing than the personnel originally nominated in terms of qualifications and experience.

4.6.3 Invoicing

Invoices shall be submitted by the successful tenderer on a monthly basis for all costs due under the contract in the preceding month. All official invoices must quote a Contracting Authority purchase order number.



Schools will be issuing purchase orders on an individual site basis; therefore, multiple purchase orders may be received for delivery to multiple sites, and the successful tenderer will be responsible for managing delivery / invoicing on a site-by-site basis.

Invoices must match purchase orders – no phone/emails orders will be considered unless backed up by an appropriate purchase order.

All items required are as per the tender document, no local arrangements for changes to the items required will be accepted.

The successful tenderer(s) should issue one invoice only for each order once all deliveries have been completed satisfactorily.

Invoices can only be processed when corresponding signed delivery dockets have been received. Under no circumstance should invoices be submitted for equipment **not yet delivered**.

All official invoices must quote.

- Unique Invoice Number
- the Contracting Authority purchase order number
- TRN
- description of items
- delivery location

Invoices which do not quote the relevant order number(s) will be returned to the supplier for correction.

4.6.4 Award to Runner Up

If for any reason it is not possible to establish the framework agreement or award the initial contract to the designated successful tenderer emerging from this competitive process; the Contracting Authority reserves the right to establish the framework with the next highest scoring tenderer on the basis of the terms advertised at any time during the tender validity period. This shall be without prejudice to the right of the Contracting Authority to cancel this competitive process and/or initiate a new contract award procedure at its sole discretion.

4.7 Right to Tender outside of the Framework

The Contracting Authority intends to use the framework for the procurement of requirements falling within its scope during the specified period; however, it reserves the right to go outside the framework for the procurement of any requirement without reference to the framework member. Admission to a framework does not guarantee the award of any contract to any economic operator, nor does it give the member the right to be consulted in respect of, or tender for, any contract.

4.8 Changes

It shall be the responsibility of the tenderer (in the event of success) to fulfil the obligations under the Framework Agreement, notwithstanding any changes in circulars, laws, regulations, taxation, duties or any other factors which might arise e.g. geopolitical changes



5 Specification of Requirements under Framework Agreement

The framework agreement will be established on foot of this tender competition for the supply of the goods as detailed in Specification appended at Appendix 2 to this CFT. The initial contract will be awarded to the successful tenderer shortly after the formal establishment of the framework agreement.

5.1 Summary of Specification of Requirements

The Cork ETB (Cork College of FET – Life Sciences Centre, Carrigaline, Cork) is seeking to purchase the below equipment for use within a “mimic” training facility that provides learners with the necessary skills to be technicians/operators within the biopharma processing sector.

Lot	Product Description	Quantity
1	Platform Bioreactor	1
2	Autoclave	1
3	Laminar Air Flow (LAF) Cabinet	1
4	Microbiological Safety Cabinet (MSC) (Class II)	1

The above items must include the below:

- All operating manuals
- Training packages for instructors
- Relevant operating software
- 12 - month warranty
- Installation/parts handling charges
- Delivery charges

5.2 Delivery Locations

Delivery is required to the following location;

CCFET Life Sciences Centre,
Estuary Business Park,
Crosshaven Road,
Carrigaline,
Cork,
P43 D274.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to include additional delivery locations during the term of the framework agreement, where required.



5.3 Volumes

Volumes indicated are indicative requirements for the purposes of evaluation and do not provide a commitment to purchase these quantities.

5.4 Pricing

All Tenderers must complete the Pricing Document (Appendix 3) accompanying this CFT.

All prices quoted must be all-inclusive, including but not limited to shipping, packaging, delivery, ancillary costs and all other costs and expenses. Prices must be expressed in Euro only and exclusive of VAT. Applicable VAT rate(s) should be indicated separately. Tenderers must confirm that all prices quoted in the Tender will remain valid for twelve (12) months from the Tender Deadline. Any proposed price increase during the term of the contract shall be subject to the prior agreement of the Contracting Authority. Where such increase is not agreed, the Contracting Authority reserves the right to recommence the procurement process or otherwise return to the market.

Where a Tenderer fails to provide a price for any item, lot, component or requirement identified in the Pricing Document or otherwise required under the framework agreement, Cork ETB reserves the right to deem the tender incomplete and/or inadmissible, without recourse to the clarification process described in this section.

Tenderers may from time to time and for the duration of the framework agreement be required to supply and deliver ad hoc or low value items or small quantities of equipment which may incur delivery charges, in this regard, Tenderers must propose delivery rates that cover fixed charges for these requirements for the duration of the framework.

Any currency variations occurring over the term of the Contract shall be borne by the Tenderer.

Tenderers must submit a single product offering for each item per lot. Multiple product offerings for individual items will not be accepted or evaluated. Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority will assess submissions with a view to identifying the most economically advantageous tender, having regard to quality, price and overall value for money.

Payments for the items supplied under the Framework shall be made subject to and in accordance with the Terms and Conditions of Contract appended to the Framework Agreement.

5.5 Quality of Products and Sustainability

Biopharma Processing equipment partly funded from public funds is subject to inspection by Officers from SOLAS. All proposed equipment shall comply fully with the specifications and be durable and safe for use in a training environment.

All equipment shall comply fully (where appropriate and relevant) with Irish and EU Safety Regulations and Standards (EN), both established and developing and including but not limited to the following:

- RoHS Directive (2011/65/EU)
- CE Markings Directive and Regulations
- Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Directive (2012/19/EU)



- EMC Directive (2014/30/EU) – electromagnetic compatibility
- REACH
- Directive 94/62/EC: Packaging Regulations
- Low Voltage Directive (2014/35/EU)
- Regulation (EU) 2023/988
- Directive (2014/68/EU)
- Regulation (EU) 2023/826
- Directive (85/374/EEC)

Tenderers are required to make an active commitment to continually source and communicate to the Contracting Authority regarding the available supply of new, improved or alternative environmentally conscious products as they become commercially available.

The successful Tenderer must demonstrate a commitment to sourcing and supplying ethically f

All equipment proposed should be accompanied by sufficient information to enable a full evaluation of the tender proposal.

5.6 Innovation

Tenderers are required to submit innovative solutions for the supply of Cork ETB requirements; these may include but are not limited to elements such as:

- Supply chain and packaging initiatives
- Waste management solutions
- Disposal and or refurbishment initiatives for existing and obsolete Cork ETB Biopharma Processing Equipment and/or recycling initiatives that could add value for Cork ETB and provide opportunities to engage with environmentally sustainable projects that benefit local schools, further education centres and communities.

5.7 Warranties

Tenderers must provide details of manufacturer's warranties for all items of equipment being supplied and listed where applicable.

Warranties must confirm that all the proposed equipment complies with Cork ETB requirements.

- Tenderers are required to provide details of manufacturer's warranties in respect of all equipment items where warranties are required. Warranties must cover repair or replacement equipment.
- Cork ETB will require a quick response time to reported issues of no more than 36 hours from once call is logged by the tenderer's staff.
- Tenderers will be required to clearly outline their escalation and dispute resolution procedures including resources to be made available and their procedures for the stocking of spare parts and provision of replacement parts with comparable quality and functionality.



5.8 Packaging

In all cases the supplier is responsible for the unpacking of all items on site, Cork ETB will require the removal and environmentally friendly disposal of all packaging or waste materials from sites post-delivery and same day. Cork ETB supports an environmentally friendly approach to the disposal of waste materials throughout the supply chain and in this regard, Tenderers should confirm their compliance with waste disposal regulations in Ireland (Waste Management Act, 1996) and the WEEE Directive 201/19/EU.

5.9 Lead Times

Tenderers are required to provide details of their projected lead times. A Tenderer whose proposed lead times indicate that it cannot comply with the requested timelines will not necessarily be eliminated, but this may affect the marks awarded under Criterion D.

5.10 Health and Safety

The successful tenderer(s) must agree to comply with the terms and conditions of all Contracting Authority policies and procedures particularly the Health & Safety Statement. It will be a condition of contract that successful tenderers provide the Contracting Authority in advance with a signed copy of their current Health & Safety Policy.



6 Evaluation Criteria

6.1 Selection Criteria

The OPEN procedure at national level is being used by the Contracting Authority for the award of this framework agreement. While all interested parties may submit a tender, only those demonstrating that they can comply with the required level of financial and technical competence will be eligible for full tender evaluation.

In order to demonstrate a tenderers' suitability, tenderers must respond to the information set out below by completing the separate Tender Response Document.

6.1.1 General Information relating to the Tenderer

Please provide company name, address and contact details for individual responsible for this tender and company overview as well as information on sub-contractors and consortium members if applicable.

6.1.2 Legal Compliance

Please complete the Declaration of Bona Fides as per Art. 57 of Directive 2014/24/EU as implemented by SI 284 of May 2016 included in the Tender Response Document. The declaration also covers compliance with relevant Statutory Obligations relating to labour law, employment law, etc.

6.1.3 Financial Capacity

Please confirm that you meet the following financial requirements:

- (i) Confirmation that the tenderer / all parties associated with the tenderer are fully tax compliant in accordance with the rules of the Irish Revenue Commissioners.
- (ii) Tenderers must provide information on their turnover for the past three years.
- (iii) Confirmation of the following insurances being in place and that if successful you agree to implement the following levels, promptly on award where these are not currently available.

Insurance Type	Excess required
Employers Liability	€13m
Public Liability	€6.5m
Product Liability (goods only)	€6.5m
Professional Indemnity	€1m

By submitting a tender, Tenderers confirm that, (i) they will obtain and hold the types and levels of insurance as specified above, (ii) the territorial limits and jurisdiction of its insurance policies include Ireland and (iii) they are not aware of any exclusions, restrictions, conditions or warranties or, in the case of policies with an aggregate limit of indemnity, any outstanding claims, which could have a material adverse impact on the level of coverage specified above. A formal confirmation from the



Tenderer's insurance company or broker to this effect will be requested from the successful Tenderer(s) prior to the award of (and shall be a condition of) any Contract.

The successful Tenderer will, during the term of the Framework, be required to:

- (a) immediately advise the Contracting Authority of any material change to its insured status;
- (b) produce proof of current premiums paid upon request;
- (c) produce valid certificates of insurance upon request.

NOTE: Tenderers **must** be willing to provide evidence of the self-declared information within seven (7) calendar days of request, which will be made prior to any award decision. If the evidence required is not provided by the deadline date, then the tenderer in question will be eliminated. Furthermore, tenderers should note that the provision of inaccurate or misleading information in this declaration may lead to exclusion from participation in this and future tenders.

6.1.4 Technical Capacity

- (i) Previous Contracts – information demonstrating successful delivery of three (3) previous comparable contracts in the past three (3) years.
- (ii) Access to minimum levels of personnel and skills as detailed in addition to an organisation chart.
- (iii) Quality Assurance - Details of quality assurance policies and systems and whether 3rd party certified.
- (iv) Certificate of Compliance - Declaration of compliance with standards, specifications and conditions for all equipment tendered as set out in Appendix 2 of the CFT document.
- (v) Health & Safety - Details of health and safety policies and whether 3rd party certified.

6.1.5 Status of European Single Procurement Document (ESPD)

Under the 2014 Directives, suppliers may have compiled an ESPD which will be accepted as evidence of compliance with Section 6.1.2 (Legal) and Section 6.1.3 (Financial). However, the Contracting Authority requires evidence via completed Tender Response Document relating to Technical Capacity Section 6.1.4. Mere confirmation **will not** be sufficient under these headings.

Tenderers are asked to demonstrate their legal, financial and technical capacity by responding to all the information requested above. In addition, Tenderers must ensure that they have completed and signed the Declaration of Bona Fides in the Tender Response Document. Failure to supply the required information may result in elimination from detailed tender evaluation.

Prior to the award of any framework agreement / contract, the Contracting Authority will request evidence of self-declared information prior to award decision. Failure to provide appropriate evidence within the required timeframe will result in the tenderer being deemed inadmissible for formal award.

6.2 Award Criteria

Only tenders meeting the selection criteria and confirmed as valid and responsive to the specifications set out in this document will be evaluated against the award criteria. Tenderers should ensure that



they have submitted sufficient relevant information to allow their tenders to be assessed under each of the award criteria set out below. Responses are required through completion of the Tender Response Document (Appendix 4).

The framework will be awarded on the basis of the most economically advantageous compliant tender taking into account the following award criteria and weightings.

Important Notice:

The documents and the associated appendices provided by Cork ETB must be used in preparation for your tender response. Failure to comply will result in your elimination.

Tenderers should be precise and brief in their submissions and shall be kept to a maximum of 20 A4 pages in length in a font no smaller than Arial 10. This page limit applies to the response to the Quality element of the Award Criteria. The Authority will not consider pages beyond the specified limit. Any instructions issued by the Contracting Authority – including general tender instructions and those provided under each award criterion – shall not be included in the tenderer's page count. Only tenderer's written responses will be considered within the page count.

Any additional information, appendices or referring to other documents will not be evaluated unless they have been requested by the contracting authority.



	Criteria	Weighting	Maximum Score	Minimum Score Required
A	Ultimate Cost	35%	3,500	n/a

Tenderers are required to outline their cost proposal by completing the Pricing Document (Appendix 3).

- Prices must be quoted in Euro € (EX VAT).

Please indicate zero cost if no additional charges apply.

B	Quality and Technical Merit	30%	3,000	1,500
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Tenderers should set out in detail how the proposed biopharma processing equipment to be supplied meets or exceeds the minimum specification of requirements set out in **Appendix 2**, its overall functionality and general condition, and its suitability in a biopharma processing training environment.

Tenderers must include the below in their response where required;

- General/functional & technical requirements
- Interaction of devices
- Software;
 - Software **MUST** allow users to export data and results to word processor or spreadsheets.
 - Please give full details of the availability of on-going support required for the software packages provided.
 - Software licences for a maximum of 10 users **MUST** be provided for a minimum of 5 years.
 - Automatic updates/renewals of software licences for a minimum of 5 years **MUST** be provided.

All requested details and documentation must be supplied.

C	After Sales Service, Technical Support, Warranty and Environmental	15%	1,500	750
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Tenders must include the below in their response;

- Replacement & spare parts requirements
- Guaranteed response times & escalation chart
- Warranty – The statement of warranty and warranty period must be submitted for all equipment/components tendered for.



- Environmental and sustainability – Tenderers initiatives implemented to help reduce impact on environment.
 - All Tenderers **MUST** dispose of all Packaging & Waste after installation and commission has been completed.
 - All Tenderers **MUST** provide a detailed description of power consumption and any energy rating efficient features of the tendered equipment. Please outline any energy/environmental advantages of your proposal.
 - The Tenderer **MUST** provide a manufacturer's datasheet or specification document that confirms the energy consumption of the proposed equipment in both stand-by and working modes.
 - This information will be used to evaluate energy consumption costs as part of the Ultimate Cost criteria in the Pricing Document (Appendix 3).

D	Commissioning Phase including Lead Times and Staff Training	20%	2,000	1,000
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Tenders must include the below in their response;

- Lead time & delivery/completion plan;
 - Tenderers **MUST** provide details of timeline for the lead time for delivery, installation, commissioning, and training from the date the Purchase Order is received.
- Installation & compliance;
 - The installation of all electrical items **MUST** be in accordance with but not limited to European standards/ regulations and all relevant amendments.
 - All equipment offered **SHOULD** conform to EMC directive 89/336/EEC (as amended by 91/263/EEC & 92/31/EEC).
 - The installation and commissioning of the equipment **MUST** be carried out by the successful Supplier trained engineers and within one (1) to two (2) weeks from date of delivery.
 - Tenderers **MUST** as part of the submission, include copies of any relevant testing or compliance certificates of accreditation for the goods as well as their Health and Safety Policy.
 - Tenderers **MUST** include copies of any relevant testing or compliance certificates of accreditation for the goods.
- Tenderers **MUST** submit the following documentation in the English language with their tender submissions;
 - Operator/equipment manual in hard/soft copy
 - Technical specification document
 - Maintenance instructions
 - Installation qualification
 - Basic troubleshooting
 - Factory acceptance testing
 - Calibration documentation



➤ Training manuals

• Training Proposal must include:

- Following the installation of the equipment, the successful tenderer **MUST** demonstrate the correct operation of the equipment in Cork ETB. The tenderer **MUST** provide on-site training for at least five (5) people after commissioning to include use of instrument, and troubleshooting.

(Date (s), timing, and method of training to be confirmed with Cork ETB and the winning tenderer).

- Onsite operator training course at installation **MUST** cover the following aspects of system familiarization, operation and maintenance;
- Training on all software and hardware required for all measurements and applications
 - Troubleshooting
 - Basic maintenance
 - Changing of parts for maintenance or different applications
 - Analysis of results
 - Generation of reports
 - Customised methods and configurations
 - Calibration where necessary

Delivery **MUST** include all shipping charges, insurance, customs duties and all aspects as outlined in Delivered Duty Paid (DDP) incoterms. Delivery **MUST** be DDP to:

CCFET Life Sciences Centre,
Estuary Business Park,
Crosshaven Road,
Carrigaline,
Cork,
P43 D274.

NOTE 1: Tenderers should note that they must achieve a minimum rating of 50% for each of the individual qualitative criteria (B) to (D) in order to avoid elimination from the competition. Qualitative criteria will be scored using the following baseline scoring system:

90 – 100%	Outstanding
80 – 89%	Excellent
70 – 79%	Very good
60 – 69%	Good
50 – 59%	Acceptable
Less than 50%	Unacceptable



Marks between the base lines outlined above can be awarded where responses so merit additional marks.

NOTE 2: The lowest cost tender that also meets all of the minimum requirements of the qualitative award criteria will receive the maximum score achievable under this criterion. The scores of the other valid tenders will be calculated using the following formula:

Maximum Points available for Cost	A
Lowest Cost from a Bona Fide Tender	B
Cost for the tender being evaluated	C
Formula employed	$\frac{A \times B}{C}$

NOTE 3: Tenderers should ensure in their tenders that they provide detailed information in respect of all aspects of the contract award criteria as stated above. This will enable the awarding authority to assess fully the extent of their offers.

NOTE 4: Award of contract/framework agreement may be subject to attendance at a clarification and verification meeting. It would be essential that the key personnel assigned to this contract should be available and present at this meeting.

NOTE 5: Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority reserves the right to confirm that the financial and technical capacity of the tenderer is valid and unchanged prior to the award of any contract.

6.2.1 Post Tender Clarification

At the discretion of the Contracting Authority, tenderers may be invited, in writing, to clarify certain aspects of their tender, particularly where information or documentation to be submitted appears to be incomplete or erroneous. However, all such requests will be made in full compliance with the principles of equal treatment and transparency and avoid any distortion of competition.

Responses to requests for clarification must not materially change any of the elements of the tenders submitted and the Contracting Authority will not accept any additional submissions, other than clarifications, as part of that process. Tenderers who do not provide the clarifications sought within a specified time period of receipt of such a request via email/eTenders from the Contracting Authority may be excluded from the competition. No unsolicited communications from tenderers will be entertained during the evaluation period.



6.2.2 Verification

Award of contract/membership of the framework may be subject to attendance at a verification meeting. It would be essential that the key personnel assigned to this framework should be available and present at this meeting. If required, tenderers will be notified of the date, time, agenda and format for such meetings as soon as possible.

A visit to the Tenderer's premises may be required to clarify any questions or queries regarding the tender offer.

6.2.3 Clarification of Abnormally Low Tenders

If the Contracting Authority considers the tender submission to be commercially unsustainable or otherwise problematic considering the tendered price or any other financial matter (including proposed indicative hours), the tenderer shall be invited to provide clarification to the Contracting Authority in respect of all elements of the tender submission that the Contracting Authority deems relevant. Any failure to satisfactorily comply with such a request, or to satisfactorily address the Contracting Authority's concerns, may, at the discretion of the Contracting Authority, result in the elimination of the tender in question based on it being considered abnormally low.

6.2.4 Right to Confirm Suitability

Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority reserves the right to confirm that the financial and technical capacity of the tenderer is valid and unchanged prior to the establishment of the framework and award of any contract.



APPENDIX 1 - INSTRUCTIONS TO TENDERERS

(a) Submission of Tenders

The Contracting Authority is using the Tender Postbox facility and tenders must be submitted electronically via the etenders postbox facility on www.etenders.gov.ie only. Tenderers must ensure that they give sufficient time to upload their tender response.

The Contracting Authority is not responsible for corruption in electronic documents. Tenderers must ensure electronic documents are not corrupt.

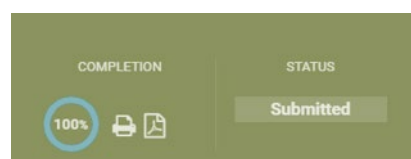
In responding to this tender all tenders must follow the format of the tender document and respond to each element of the tender document in the order as set out in this RFT. Tenders should produce their response as a **SINGLE UPLOADED FILE, if possible, which is clearly labelled, page numbered and indexed.**

Tenders must be submitted via the 'electronic tenderbox' available on www.etenders.gov.ie. Only Tenders submitted to the electronic tenderbox will be accepted. Tenders submitted by any other means (including but not limited to: by email, fax, post, hand delivery, etc.) will NOT be accepted.

Tenderers must ensure that they give themselves sufficient time to upload and submit all required tender documentation in their Tender before the Tender Deadline (as detailed below). Tenderers should take into account the fact that upload speeds vary.

Tenderers must note that in the electronic tenderbox, there is a current file size limit of 250MB for each single file uploaded, with a maximum total limit of 2GB for all documentation (combined) in the Tender submitted.

In order to submit a Tender to the electronic tenderbox, Tenderers must ensure that they follow the necessary steps on the eTenders platform to ensure that their tender has been submitted properly, which includes ensuring that the "Submit" button has been clicked.



In the event that Tenderers need to modify or change any aspect of their Tender before the Tender Deadline, the Tender in its entirety will need to be re-submitted. Tenderers should be aware that the "Submit" button will be disabled automatically at the Tender Deadline.

Tenderers not familiar with uploading on eTenders should ensure they familiarise themselves with the process. A guidance video on how to submit a tender is available on the eTenders platform [European Dynamics - Guidance Videos](#)

The closing date for tenders is **16.00 hours (Local Time) on 7th of August 2026.**

It is the responsibility of the tenderer to ensure that their tender is complete and is uploaded by the designated deadline. **Tenders that are received late or via other means WILL NOT be considered in this public procurement competition.**



Use of AI Tools

The Contracting Authority is aware that Large Language Models and Generative Artificial Intelligence (collectively “AI Tools”) are being used extensively in the preparation of responses to tenders in both the Public and Private Sectors. In responding to this Competition, Tenderers are required to declare in Tenderers Response Document (Appendix 4), if and where AI Tools have been used to draft, develop, inform or augment any part of their Responses. While the use of AI Tools in responding to this Competition is not prohibited, it is necessary that Tenderers maintain control of and responsibility for their Response and that they confirm as much to the Contracting Authority.

(b) Language

Tenders may be submitted in English or Irish.

(c) Queries

If you consider that you are missing any documents which would prevent you from submitting a comprehensive tender, please contact us as soon as possible.

Tenderers shall immediately notify the Contracting Authority should they become aware of any ambiguity, discrepancy, error or omission in the Tender Documents. The Contracting Authority will, upon receipt of such notification, issue a clarification via eTenders in respect of any such ambiguity, discrepancy, error or omission. Such clarification shall then form part of the Tender Documents.

All queries regarding this tender should be through the messaging facility on www.etenders.gov.ie. The closing date for receipt of queries is 7 days before Closing Date. **For the avoidance of doubt, Tenderers may not contact the Contracting Authority directly regarding any aspect of this Competition.**

Responses to queries will be issued via eTenders to all parties who have expressed an interest in the contract on that site, in order to ensure that no party has an unfair advantage over any other.

For the purpose of circulating responses queries will be edited to avoid disclosing the identity of the querist, and any sensitive information included in the query should be clearly indicated. Please note that the Contracting Authority cannot accept responsibility for information relayed (or not relayed) via third parties.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to issue or seek written clarifications.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right at any time before the Tender Deadline, to update or amend the information contained in this document and/or to extend the Tender Deadline. Participating Tenderers will be informed of any such amendment or extension through the eTenders website.

Tenderers should ensure that they register their interest in this Competition, by clicking on the “Accept” button on www.etenders.gov.ie, in order to receive all responses to queries and other updates in relation to this Competition.

**(d) Sufficiency & Accuracy of Tender**

Tenderers will be deemed to have examined all the documents enclosed and by their own independent observations and enquiries will be held to have fully informed themselves as to the nature and extent of the requirements of the tender.

Tenderers are cautioned to check the accuracy of their tender prior to submission. A tender found containing any clerical errors or omissions may, at the sole discretion of the Contracting Authority, be referred back to the tenderer for correction. Any subsequent adjustment(s) must be confirmed in writing.

The Contracting Authority reserves the right to disqualify incomplete tenders.

(e) Qualification of Tenders and Referential Bids

Please note that qualifications to a Tender may be considered a counteroffer and may render the tender invalid. Tenders made by reference to other tenders are not valid and cannot be considered.

(f) Extension of Tender Period

The Contracting Authority reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to extend the closing date for receipt of tenders by giving notice in writing to all parties who have expressed an interest in the notice via eTenders no later than six days before the original closing date.

(g) Modifications to Tenders prior to the Closing Date for Receipt of Tenders

Modifications to Tenders will be accepted in the form of supplementary information and/or addenda, provided they are submitted electronically via the etenders postbox facility on www.etenders.gov.ie only before the closing date for receipt of tenders and clearly marked as part of the tender. Any modifications received, by whatever means, after the closing time for receipt of tenders will not be considered.

(h) Cost of Preparation of Tender

The Contracting Authority will not be liable for any costs, charges or expenses incurred by tenderers in the preparation of proposals or any associated efforts. It is the responsibility of the tenderer to ensure that they are fully aware and understand the requirements as laid down in this document. Tenderers will be responsible for any costs incurred by them in the event that they are required to attend clarification or other meetings or make a presentation of their proposals.

(i) Tender Validity Period

To allow sufficient time for Tender assessment a Tender Validity period of **12 months** is required, this period commencing on the closing date by which the Tenders are to be returned.

(j) Currency and Payments

The currency and invoices in which all prices and rates shall be tendered, and which payments under the contract will be paid, shall be Euros (€). All prices and rates quoted should be exclusive of VAT.

A schedule of payments will be agreed with the successful tenderer. The Contracting Authority operates in accordance with the European Communities (Late Payment in Commercial Transactions) Regulations 2012. The method of payment used by the Contracting Authority is normally Electronic Funds Transfer.



Note: The Contracting Authority will be rolling out e-invoicing during the term of the contract / framework and tenderers may be required to issue their invoices to the sector in an E-invoice format that is compliant with the PEPPOL directive.

(k) Conflict of Interest

It will be a condition of award of this contract and any subsequent contract that the successful tenderer(s) that any conflict of interest involving a tenderer (or tenderers in the event of a consortium bid) must be fully disclosed to the Contracting Authority. Any registrable interest involving the tenderer or subcontractor and the Contracting Authority or employees of the Contracting Authority or their relatives must be fully disclosed in the tender submission or should be communicated to the Contracting Authority immediately upon such information becoming known to the tenderer. The terms 'registrable interest' and 'relative' shall be interpreted as per Section 2 of the Ethics in Public Office Act, 1995 and 2001. Failure to disclose a conflict of interest may, at the absolute discretion of the Contracting Authority disqualify a tenderer or invalidate an award of contract, depending on when the conflict of interest comes to light.

(l) Freedom of Information Acts

All responses to this invitation to tender will be treated in confidence and no information contained therein will be communicated to any third party without the written permission of the tenderer except insofar as is specifically required for the consideration and evaluation of the response or as may be required under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, EU and Irish Government Procurement Procedures, or in response to questions, debates or other parliamentary procedures in or of the Oireachtas (the Irish Parliament).

Tenderers are asked to consider if any of the information supplied by them in response to this request for tenders should not be disclosed because of its confidentiality or commercial sensitivity. If this is the case, tenderers should specify the information that is sensitive and the reasons for its sensitivity. The Contracting Authority cannot guarantee that any information provided by tenderers, either in response to this tender or in the course of any contract awarded as a result thereof, will not be released pursuant to the Contracting Authority's obligations under law, including the Freedom of Information Act 2014 and the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014, EU and Irish Government Procurement Procedures. The Contracting Authority accepts no liability whatsoever in respect of any information provided which is subsequently released (irrespective of notification) or in respect of any consequential damage suffered as a result of such disclosure.

(m) Tax Clearance

It will be a condition of award of this framework and any subsequent contract that the successful tenderer(s) comply with all EU and national tax laws. Tenderers are referred to the Irish Revenue web site <http://www.revenue.ie/>. Non-resident tenderers should apply to the Office of the Revenue Commissioners, Non Resident Tax Clearance Unit, Office of the Collector General, Sarsfield House, Francis Street, Limerick, Ireland; e-mail: nonrestaxclearance@revenue.ie. The Contracting Authority will satisfy themselves that any tenderers being considered for award of a framework are appropriately tax compliant by checking their status via the online system for which tenderers are requested to provide their Tax Clearance Access Number and Tax Reference Number to facilitate



verification. By supplying these numbers tenderers acknowledge and agree that the Contracting Authority has the permission to verify its tax cleared position at any time during the term of the framework agreement.

(n) Withholding Tax

Where applicable, payments shall be subject to Irish 'Professional Services Withholding Tax' at the prevailing rate (currently at 20%) as laid down by the Revenue Commissioners in Ireland in accordance with section 523 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. Any and all taxes applicable to the supply of the subject of this competition will be the sole responsibility of the Contractor and the Contractor so acknowledges and confirms.

(o) Irish Legislation and Law

Tenderers should be aware that national legislation applies in other matters including, employment and health and safety matters and includes, but is not limited to, the Employment Equality Acts 1998-2015, National Minimum Wages Act 2000 (as amended), Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 (as amended), Data Protection Act 2018 and Official Secrets Act 1963 (as amended). Tenderers must have regard to statutory terms relating to minimum pay and to legally binding industrial or sectoral agreements in the Contracting Authority tenders and in delivering contracts awarded to them. The contract[s] awarded on foot of this tender process will be governed by and construed in accordance with Irish law

(p) Dignity at Work

The successful tenderer(s) shall comply with all relevant legislation relating to dignity at work. As a public body and employer, the Contracting Authority is committed to a policy of equality of opportunity for all personnel.

(q) Clarification of Tenders

The Contracting Authority is entitled, but not obliged, to seek clarification of tenders, including pricing breakdowns in the course of the evaluation process. No change in the price or substance of the Tender shall be sought, offered or permitted. To assist in finalising the tender evaluation, selected tenderers may be invited to attend clarification meetings with the Contracting Authority.

(r) Correction of Errors

Detailed pricing of all tenders will be examined for errors that might alter the tender pricing as determined from the figures on the tender form or as between the hard copy and electronic versions of the tender. In general, the following approach will be applied to manifest errors - where there is a discrepancy between the unit price and the total amount derived from the multiplication of the unit price and the quantity, the unit price as quoted will normally govern.

The amount stated in the tender form will be adjusted by the Contracting Authority in accordance with the above procedure and, with the agreement of the tenderer, shall be considered as binding upon the tenderer. Without prejudice to the above, a tenderer not accepting the correction of their tender as outlined may have their tender rejected.

**(s) Change in the Composition of a Tender**

The Contracting Authority reserves the right, but is not obliged, to disqualify any Tenderer that makes any change to its composition after submission of a Tender.

(t) Interference and Inducement to Purchase

Any effort by the tenderer to unduly influence the Contracting Authority, relevant agency personnel or any other relevant persons or bodies in the process of examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of tenders and in decisions concerning the Award of Contract shall have their tender rejected. The presumptions (including as to any gift, consideration or advantage) and other provisions under the Criminal Justice Act 2018, and all other measures for the time being governing the subject-matter in any applicable jurisdiction, shall be applicable.

(u) Notification of Tender Evaluations

All tenderers will be informed of the outcome of their proposals following tender evaluation and any necessary clarifications.

In circumstances where the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) Regulations 2010 (Statutory Instrument 130 of 2010), as amended by the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (Statutory Instrument 192 of 2015) and the European Communities (Public Authorities' Contracts) (Review Procedures) (Amendment) Regulation 2017 (Statutory Instrument 327 of 2017) apply, no contract can or will be executed or take effect until at least fourteen (14) calendar days after the day on which the Tenderers have been sent a notice informing them of the result of this Competition ("Standstill Period") if such notice is sent by electronic means. The Standstill Period shall be sixteen (16) calendar days if such notice is sent by other means. The preferred bidder will be notified of the decision of the Contracting Authority and of the expiry date of the Standstill Period.

Tenderers should note that the Contracting Authority may, when notifying Tenderers of the results of this Competition, include the scores obtained by the Tenderer concerned and the scores obtained by the preferred bidder in respect of each award criterion assessed by the Contracting Authority.

(v) Award Notices

Following the formal conclusion of the framework agreement, an award notice will be despatched to tenders announcing the results of the competition.

(w) Policy on Personal Debriefings

Based on the provision of the information to unsuccessful tenderers as outlined above and due to resourcing constraints, the Contracting Authority will not be offering individual debriefing meetings to unsuccessful bidders.

(x) Copyright

The Contracting Authority will have copyright ownership of any material developed for use by the Contracting Authority under the terms of this tender. The service provider may have a non-exclusive licence to use such material but only for its own purposes (to be agreed with the successful tenderer).

**(y) Brand Names, etc.**

Please note in relation to this tender document; where reference is made to a particular make, source, process, trademark, type or patent, that this is not to be regarded as a de facto requirement. In all such cases it should be understood that the reference in question is accompanied by the words “or equivalent”.

(z) Payment

A schedule of payments will be agreed with the successful tenderer. The Contracting Authority operates in accordance with S.I. 580 of 2012 which transposes EU Directive 2011/7/EU on combating Late Payment in commercial Transactions. The method of payment used by the Contracting Authority is normally Electronic Funds Transfer.

(aa) Right Not to Award

The Contracting Authority does not bind itself to accept the most economically advantageous tender or any tender. It also reserves the right to accept or reject in whole or in part any or all tenders received, and to source the requirement with more than one service provider.

The invitation to tender is issued in good faith; however, the Contracting Authority at its sole discretion shall not be obliged to award a contract or proceed to further stages in the procurement process and reserves the right to cancel the procurement process.

(bb) Environmental Aspects

The Contracting Authority is committed to the principles of environmental management in its activities and it encourages the implementation of sustainability principles in its procurement practices. Tenderers/contractors should make all reasonable efforts to minimise adverse environmental impact in the methods of services delivery and in materials used.

(cc) Accessibility

In line with the Disability Act 2005, accessibility requirements should be clearly stated in request for tenders / quotations where applicable. Under Section 27 of the Act the Contracting Authority is required to ensure that both the goods supplied, and services provided to it are accessible to persons with disabilities.

(dd) Knowledge and Skills Transfer

It will be a condition of the contract that opportunities for the transfer of skills and/or knowledge from the Tender/Tender's staff to the Contracting Authority staff will be availed of during the course of the contract or prior to the handing over of the finished work/product.

(ee) Collusive Tendering

If any Tendering Party is found to have, at any time, offered to give or to have agreed to offer or give to any person, any bribe, gift, gratuity, commission or consideration of any kind as an inducement or reward for taking or forbearing to take any action in relation to the obtaining of its Tenders, or for showing or forbearing to show any favour or disfavour to any person in relation to its Tenders, the bid submitted by such Tendering Part shall be automatically disqualified and the circumstances surrounding such action shall be referred to the appropriate authority.

**(ff) Confidentiality**

After the official opening of Tenders, information relating to the examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of Tenders and recommendations will not be disclosed to tenderers or other persons not officially concerned with such process until the award decision with the successful Tenderer has been announced and in conformity with national laws.

Tenderers shall treat the details of all documents supplied to them in connection with this contract as private and confidential and shall not disclose the contents to a third party without the permission of the Contracting Authority.

Any effort by the Tenderer to influence the Contracting Authority or their staff in the process of examination, clarification, evaluation and comparison of Tenders and in decisions concerning the award of the contract may result in the rejection of that Tender.

(gg) Consortia and Prime Subcontractors

The Contracting Authority seeks to encourage participation on a fair and equal basis by Small and Medium Enterprises (“SMEs”) in this Competition. SMEs that believe the scope of this Competition is beyond their technical or business capacity are encouraged, subject to this paragraph, to explore the possibilities of forming relationships with other SMEs or with larger enterprises. Through such relationships they can participate and contribute to the successful implementation of any Services Contracts that may result from this Competition and therefore increase their social and economic benefits.

Larger enterprises are also encouraged, subject to this paragraph, to consider the practical ways that SMEs can be included in their proposals to maximise the social and economic benefits of any Services Contracts that may result from this Competition.

Where a group of undertakings (in whatever form and regardless of the legal relationship between them) come together to submit a Tender in response to this RFT the Contracting Authority will deal with all matters relating to this Competition through the entity who will carry overall responsibility for the performance of the Contract only (the “Prime Contractor”), irrespective of whether or not tasks are to be performed by a subcontractor or other consortium member (the “Subcontractor”). The Tenderer must clearly and comprehensively set out the name, title, telephone number, postal address, and email address of the nominated contact personnel of the Prime Contractor authorised to represent the Tenderer and to whom all communications shall be directed and accepted until this Competition has been completed or terminated. Correspondence from any other person (including from any Subcontractor) will NOT be accepted, acknowledged or responded to.

(hh) Anti-Competitive Conduct

Tenderers attention is drawn to the Competition Act 2002 (as amended, the “2002 Act”), which makes it a criminal offence for Tenderers to collude on prices or terms in a public procurement competition.

(ii) Changes in Legislation

As a condition of award, it shall be the sole responsibility of the tenderer (in the event of success in this competition) to fulfil the obligations under the Contract, notwithstanding any changes in circulars, laws, regulations, taxation, duties or other factors which might arise following the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from membership of the EU.

**(jj) Data Protection**

“Data Protection Laws” means all applicable national and EU data protection laws, regulations and guidelines including but not limited to the Irish Data Protection Acts 1988 to 2018, the General Data Protection Regulation (EU) 2016/679 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and any other applicable law or regulation relating to the processing of personal data and to privacy, including the E-Privacy Directive and European Communities (Electronic Communications Networks and Services) (Privacy and Electronic Communications) Regulations 2011, as such legislation may be supplemented, amended, revised or replaced from time to time.

The Contracting Authority will be a Data Controller (where Data Controller has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) in respect of any Personal Data (where Personal Data has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) required to be provided by the tenderer in response to this call for tenders.

The tenderer, as Data Controller in respect of any Personal Data provided by it in its tender, is required to confirm in its tender that all Data Subjects (where Data Subject has the meaning given under the Data Protection Laws) whose Personal Data is provided by the tenderer have consented to the processing of such Personal Data by the tenderer, the Contracting Authority, the evaluation team and the supplier of the etenders.gov.ie website, for the purposes of the participation of the tenderer in this competition or that the tenderer otherwise has a legal basis for providing such Personal Data to the Contracting Authority for the purposes of its participation in this competition. The tenderer shall comply with all of its obligations under the Data Protection Laws.

(kk) Transfer of Undertaking and Protection of Employees (TUPE)

Tenderers shall take sole responsibility and undertake to comply fully with the provisions of Council Directive 2001/23/EC of 12 March 2001 on the approximation of the laws of the member states relating to the safeguarding of employees’ rights in the event of transfers of undertakings, business or parts of undertakings or business and as implemented in Irish law by Statutory Instrument S.I. No. 131 of 2003 European Communities (Protection of Employees on Transfer of Undertakings) Regulations 2003 (TUPE Regulations) and to indemnify the Contracting Authority for any claim arising or loss or costs incurred as a result of its failure or incapacity to fulfil its obligations under the TUPE Regulations.



APPENDIX 2 – THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY’S SPECIFICATION OF REQUIREMENTS

Lot 1 Product Description	Quantity
<u>Platform Bioreactor</u> • Minimum working volume; 10 L • Maximum working volume; 50 L • Turn down ratio; 5:1 • Perfusion type; None • Controller type; PlantPAx or equivalent • Controller model; Single Vessel (SV) • Controller capacity; Single Vessel (SV) • Agitation; Yes • Weight measurement; Yes • Load cells; 4 • Exhaust filter heater; 1 • Primary exhaust filter heater; Compatible with MEISSNER 1x5" (127 mm), 31.82 Watt or equivalent • Pinch valve; None • Baffles 3; Integral to vessel • Process type; FED batch • Personal elevation assistance device; Yes • 4 X pumps ; 1x114 • Mass flow controllers (XVC) 5: Air + O2 + CO2 + Air +Air • DO transmitter • pH transmitter • pH sensor(s) 1, Re-usable Hamilton or equivalent • DO sensor(s) 1, Re-usable Hamilton Polarography or equivalent • Redundant Temperature measurement; Yes, Dual channel type • Temperature control unit; Yes • Audible visible indicator; Yes • Server; Yes • Controller; PAC compact Logix 5380 or equivalent • Power Cables • HMI cables • TCU ethernet cables • Keyboard and screen • Training (Commission and qualification) • All other accessories and components that may be required to operate the unit	1



Lot 2 Product Description	Quantity
Autoclave	1
Saturated steam sterilizer built in compliance with all safety regulations. Construction and Materials; • The Chamber is made of stainless steel 316l 8mm thick. • The Steam Jacket is made of stainless steel 316l 5mm thick. • Hydraulic System; Made of SS and has Pneumatic valves, check valves and other fittings. • All heated pipes are insulated • Vacuum Pump; Liquid Ring Pump with 50Db rating with a automatic cooling system for safety reasons. • Steam Generator; Made of SS working at pressures of 4 Bar or required pressure to operate the unit. • A Certified Safety valve is installed for maximum protection. • Accident prevention; Double buttons used for closing doors. Emergency Stop Button • Printer; Records all cycles and reports the outcome of the cycle with a high quality 203 dpi printer. • 4 x different types of operation (Electric, direct clean steam, indirect steam and a mixed exchange) • Control and Management system; 2 x Siemens PLCs of type S7-1200 and LOG08 or equivalent as required to operate the unit. Access is also available via the operator panel equipped with an ETHERNET Port. It Also allows for an external management system. Data storage medium on a USB stick can also be installed to save and archive cycles preformed and output port to facilitate external display. • Interface; HMI is a 7" touch screen with a 16.7 million colour TFT display or equivalent • Sterilization Cycles; There are 11 different sterilization cycles. Examples listed below – specific cycles can be submitted with tender for review. ○ The work and test cycles are ○ 134degC surgical Instruments ○ 134degC textiles and porous materials ○ 121degC General rubber items ○ 134degC Prion Cycle ○ 134degC Flash Cycle ○ 105degC Disinfection ○ Helix test steam penetration capacity in hollow bodies ○ Bowie & Dick steam penetration ○ Vacuum leakage test cycle ○ Open and storable cycles ○ Auto test Reduced Consumption; Water consumption is 40 Litres per cycle and energy consumption is low. Must comply and confirm with Irish and EU Safety Regulations and Standards (EN).	



Lot 3 Product Description	Quantity
Laminar Air Flow (LAF) Cabinet	1
Please be advised that this item is intended for laboratory environments requiring contamination control. • Purpose ○ Provides a clean, particle-free workspace using HEPA-filtered laminar airflow. ○ Suitable for microbiology, pharmaceutical, tissue culture, electronics, and research applications. • Supply Requirements ○ Cabinet, HEPA filtration system, pre-filter, blower, LED lighting, UV lamp, control panel, manuals, certificates, installation, and commissioning. • Cabinet Types ○ Horizontal airflow. ○ Floor-standing configuration. • Performance Specifications ○ ISO Class 5 (Class 100) cleanliness or better. ○ Air velocity: 0.30–0.50 m/s. ○ HEPA efficiency: ≥99.99% at 0.3 μm. ○ Noise level ≤65 dB(A). ○ Illumination ≥800 lux. • Construction ○ Powder-coated steel or stainless-steel exterior or equivalent. ○ SS304/SS316 stainless-steel interior and work surface. ○ Smooth, corrosion-resistant, easy-to-clean finish. ○ 1800mm (6ft) Width approx. ○ Working Height 750mm-950mm approx. • Filtration System ○ Pre-filter removes larger particles. ○ HEPA filter rated at ≥99.99% efficiency. • Fan and Motor ○ Maintenance-free direct-drive motor. ○ Variable speed control. ○ Low-noise operation and continuous-duty rating. • Control Features ○ Power, fan, UV lamp, and light controls. ○ Optional airflow display, pressure monitoring, alarms, and touchscreen interface. • Lighting and UV ○ LED lighting providing at least 800 lux. ○ UV-C sterilization lamp (253.7 nm) with safety interlocks. • Electrical Requirements ○ 230 VAC, 50 Hz supply. ○ Mandatory earthing and electrical protection. • Safety Features ○ Overcurrent and motor overload protection. ○ UV exposure protection. ○ Filter-change warnings. ○ Optional emergency stop.	



- **Testing and Certification**
 - Airflow, HEPA integrity, noise, illumination, and electrical safety testing.
 - Calibration certificates and operating manuals required.
- **Standards Compliance**
 - ISO 14644-1
 - CE marking requirements
 - GMP guidelines where applicable.
- **Warranty**
 - Minimum 12-month warranty.
 - Spare parts support for at least 5 years.



Lot 4 Product Description	Quantity
Microbiological Safety Cabinet (MSC) (Class II)	1
Please be advised that this item is a laboratory containment device designed to provide simultaneous personnel, product, and environmental protection when handling biological agents and microbiological materials. Key Requirements • Classification: Class II Biological Safety Cabinet, typically Type A2. • Compliance: Certified to EN 12469, NSF/ANSI 49, or equivalent international standards. • Construction: Robust steel exterior with a corrosion-resistant finish and a seamless stainless-steel interior for ease of cleaning and decontamination, floor standing configuration. • Work Surface: Removable stainless-steel work tray with spill containment features. • Size: 1375 X 787 X 1600 mm approx. • Working Height: 750-950 approx. Airflow and Filtration • Provides HEPA-filtered vertical laminar downflow air within the work zone. • Maintains protective inflow through the front opening to prevent contamination escape. • Supply and exhaust air filtered through HEPA or ULPA filters. • Achieves ISO Class 5 cleanliness or better within the working area. • Continuous monitoring of airflow performance. Safety Features • Adjustable or motorized front sash with safety glass. • Audible and visual alarms for: ○ Low airflow ○ Airflow imbalance ○ Fan failure ○ High sash position ○ Power interruption • Microprocessor-based monitoring and control system. Performance • Typical inflow velocity: 0.45–0.55 m/s • Typical downflow velocity: 0.25–0.40 m/s • Noise level: ≤ 65 dB(A) • Illumination: ≥ 800 lux using LED lighting. Electrical and Controls • Operates on standard laboratory power supplies (typically 230 V, 50 Hz). • Digital display for airflow status, alarms, operating hours, and service indicators. • Optional internal electrical sockets and communication interfaces. Testing and Certification The cabinet shall be factory tested and site commissioned, including: • HEPA filter integrity testing • Airflow measurements • Smoke pattern testing • Electrical safety testing • Alarm verification	



- Containment certification

Documentation and Support

The supplier shall provide:

- User and maintenance manuals
- Test and certification reports
- Declaration of conformity
- Operator training

Warranty

- Minimum 12 months from installation or 24 months from delivery, whichever is greater.



APPENDIX 3 – PRICING DOCUMENT

Please refer to separate appendix uploaded on eTenders. This document must be used for pricing and must be submitted in excel format as part of your tender submission.

APPENDIX 4 – TENDER RESPONSE DOCUMENT

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APPENDIX 5 – FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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