

Clarifications updated 31st July 2026

No	General description	Clarification request	ATU Response
1	Site Survey Access	Can ATU facilitate a site survey of the Galway, Sligo and Letterkenny campuses for interested tenderers?	ATU can facilitate site surveys. Site surveys can be arranged by contacting the following staff members as soon as possible: ATU Sligo campus Estates Office, eamon.bourke@atu.ie ATU Letterkenny Campus, Estates Office Jerome.McElchar@atu.ie ATU Galway City campus, Faculty of Science Andrew.Morrissey@atu.ie
2	Asset Register Verification	Can ATU confirm that the equipment inventories contained within Appendix 1 represent the complete current asset register and identify any equipment scheduled for replacement, relocation, decommissioning or addition during the proposed contract term?	ATU Galway City will 1. Add 1 x fume cupboard in 2027 This cupboard is expected to be in operation late 2027/early 2028. Addition will be completed by ATU Buildings and Estates and works will not be included in this tender. 2. Remove 2 X ducted fume hoods in mid to late 2027. These are listed in inventory. Removal will be completed by ATU Buildings and Estates/BAM as part of new STEM building and works will not be included in this tender. ATU Sligo Likelihood more will be added during term of contract – estimate four fume hoods. ATU Donegal Letterkenny campus No changes planned at time of publication.
3	Extraction Systems	1. Can ATU provide details of the associated extract systems serving the fume cupboards, including: No of Extract fans, their Locations, Roof access arrangements, Presence of Variable volume controls or Pheonix controls or BMS integration	ATU Sligo Exact information not available. A site visit is recommended to ascertain full details. All controls based on fixed speed or variable speed motors, fixed if one fan feeding one fume hood. Most fume hoods in Faculty of Science feedback to BMS but this only allows access to fans i.e. timeclock. ATU Galway Exact information not available. Site visit recommended to ascertain full details.

			ATU Donegal All Letterkenny fume hoods ducted to roof level where extract fans are located. There is one recirculation unit, Monair currently located in Room no. 1169c. All roofs are accessible via stairwells, hoop ladders or access hatches. Roofs either have ballasted edge protection / guardrails or lanyard fall arrest lifeline system available. ATU permits operate a two-person roof access policy. VCDs are on the ductwork in line with the duct on all units to 0.5m/s. There are no Phoenix (digital) controllers, the controller on fume hood units is Safecare, which is an analogue controller. Roof access arrangements for all sites can be confirmed by contacting the staff members indicated at no. 1 above.
		2. How many extract fans, motors, dampers and exhaust stacks are associated with the 113 ducted fume cupboards?	See responses above.
4	Decontamination Requirements	Where biological safety cabinets require invasive testing or filter replacement, will decontamination be undertaken by ATU or by the contractor?	ATU Galway City biological safety cabinets will be subject to surface decontamination before testing by ATU staff. ATU Sligo campus Decontamination before testing, where required will be carried out by ATU staff. ATU Donegal It is expected a similar arrangement will apply.
5	Existing Service Provider	Can ATU confirm whether the incumbent service provider currently delivers maintenance and validation services across all three campuses?	There is no single incumbent service provider for all ATU sites. At present each site seeks quotations annually for maintenance and servicing. Various suppliers serve all three sites. ATU Galway City does not have a service provider covering all fume hoods and biosafety cabinets. All procurement events are open to all supplier up until tender is completed.

6	Historical Failure Data	Can ATU provide information regarding: No of emergency callouts in last 12 months, no of failed inspections and any major repairs undertaking during previous contract period?	ATU Galway City has not had any emergency call outs in the last 12 months. Last emergency call out was due to storm damage on roof in January 2025. Both ATU Sligo and ATU Donegal (Letterkenny) have had no emergency call outs or major repairs in the last 12 months.
7	Roof Access	Can ATU confirm whether safe roof access is available at all campuses for inspection of extract fans, stacks and associated ductwork and whether any specialist access equipment will be required?	ATU can confirm that there is safe roof access to all fans, stack and associated ductwork. No specialist lift equipment is required. Roof access will be facilitated by contacting the staff mentioned at no. 1 above.
8	BSC Standard	Can ATU confirm the required standard for BSC certification (EN12469, NSF49 or manufacturer specification)?	ATU Galway City has received inspection certificates using EN 12469 from different suppliers over last 4 years. Similar for Sligo campus.
9	HEPA Integrity Testing	Can ATU confirm that annual HEPA integrity testing is required for all MSCs?	Annual HEPA integrity testing is required for all MSCs
10	Filter replacement	Are filter replacements to be separately quoted or included within the contract rates?	Filter replacements should be quoted for. Frequency of replacement would be 7-10yrs unless advised otherwise.
11	Repairs vs Maintenance	Can ATU confirm whether remedial repairs identified during annual inspections will be commissioned under separate quotation or are expected to be included within the annual maintenance contract rates?	Remedial repairs identified after inspections should be quoted for separately.
12	Fan Inspection	Can ATU confirm whether annual inspection of fan assemblies is	Currently ATU Galway City requires only visual inspection and operational checks.

		limited to visual inspection and operational checks or includes preventative maintenance activities such as belt tension adjustment, lubrication and minor servicing?	ATU Sligo Minor servicing including lubrication and belt tension (most if not all are direct motor).
13	Reporting Format	Can ATU confirm whether the inspection reports contained in Appendix 2 are mandatory report formats, or whether equivalent contractor-generated electronic reports containing the same information will be accepted?	The inspection reports within the tender documents are samples to indicate the general type of inspections required. Equivalent contractor-generated electronic reports containing the same information will be accepted by ATU.
14	Pricing Biosafety Cabinets following revised inventory list V2	The revised Inventory V2 now includes the previously omitted Biosafety Cabinets at the Sligo campus. However, the Pricing Schedule still refers to 10 Biosafety Cabinets and associated equipment. Can you please confirm whether tenderers should price the quantities shown in the Pricing Schedule or whether a revised Pricing Schedule will be issued?	A revised pricing schedule has been uploaded to eTenders on 31 st July to include 33 Biosafety cabinets
15	Chemical storage cabinets details	Can you confirm whether ventilated chemical storage cabinets connected to the fume cupboard extract systems are included within the maintenance scope of this contract?	Yes, Appendix 4 v3 pricing schedule has been amended to include line 13 for pricing 234 vented storage cabinets across all campuses. See documents updated 31st July 2026.
16	Fume cupboards and associated	For each fume cupboard, can ATU provide the manufacturer, model number, serial number and confirm	ATU has provided information in Appendix 1 Inventory List, where it is readily available from individual Department records, as follows:

	chemical storage cabinets	whether an associated vented under bench chemical storage cabinet is fitted?	Use/description, Code, Manufacturer and Model Regarding the associated vented under bench chemical storage cabinets, we advise proceeding as follows: We estimate there are two vented cabinets associated with each fume cupboard across all campuses. Appendix 4 pricing schedule has been amended as per No 15 above														
17	Chemical storage cabinets asset number	Where fitted, does each under bench chemical storage cabinet have its own unique asset number, or should it be treated as part of the associated fume cupboard?	ATU advises treating as part of the associated fume cupboard.														
18	Biological Safety Cabinets	Please identify which Biological Safety Cabinets (BSCs), if any, are ducted within the asset inventory.	For ATU Sligo Ash Lane campus no BSC is vented externally. For ATU Donegal campus no record of BSC ventilation available. For Galway campus: There is one ducted biosafety cabinet <table><tr><th>Room No.</th><th>Section</th><th>Type</th><th>Manufacturer and Model</th><th>Serial Number</th></tr><tr><td>612D</td><td>Cell Culture</td><td>Biosafety Cabinet Type 2</td><td>Scan LAF Mars Pro B2</td><td>736183</td></tr></table>					Room No.	Section	Type	Manufacturer and Model	Serial Number	612D	Cell Culture	Biosafety Cabinet Type 2	Scan LAF Mars Pro B2	736183
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19	KI Discus testing	Is KI Discus testing is required within the outlined scope of works.	Generally, we do not carry out KI-Discus testing as part of the annual PM. This test is usually performed during IQ/OQ when BSCs are installed. We can carry out KI-Discus as an additional test at an extra cost. The size of the cabinet determines the duration of each KI-Discus test and larger cabinets take longer.														

20	Particulate Counts and reporting results	Are particulate counts are required within the outlined scope of works.	ATU will require a yearly filter integrity test on Biological Safety cabinets which is required under EN12469. The method of testing is up to the supplier as is the content of the report output.
21	Microbiological Safety Cabinets details	Please confirm of the open aperture widths of all Microbiological Safety Cabinets	From an overview of our BSC's the average aperture width is 1200mm and this measurement should be used for the purposes of the tender response.