

277582-2026 - Direct award preannouncement

Ireland – Laboratory reagents – Provision of Flow Cytometry Reagents, Antibodies, Platform-Specific Consumables and Single-Cell Genomics Reagents for Ongoing Research Activities

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Voluntary ex-ante transparency notice

Supplies

1. Buyer

1.1. Buyer

Official name: Trinity College Dublin the University of Dublin_336

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Legal type of the buyer: Body governed by public law

Activity of the contracting authority: Education

2. Procedure

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Title: Provision of Flow Cytometry Reagents, Antibodies, Platform-Specific Consumables and Single-Cell Genomics Reagents for Ongoing Research Activities

Description: This voluntary ex-ante transparency (VEAT) notice acknowledges that Trinity College Dublin proposes to put in place a contract with Becton Dickinson UK Ltd, 1030 Eskdale Road, Winnersh Triangle, Wokingham, Berkshire RG41 5TS for the provision of flow cytometry reagents, antibodies, platform-specific consumables and single-cell genomics reagents required to support ongoing research activities across the University. The requirement encompasses specialised laboratory reagents, including fluorochrome-conjugated monoclonal antibodies, staining buffers, assay kits, instrument calibration materials, and proprietary consumables associated with BD flow cytometry and BD Rhapsody single-cell genomics platforms. These products are integral to established experimental workflows across multiple research groups, including immunophenotyping, cell signalling analysis and single-cell gene expression studies. Trinity College Dublin intends to award this contract in accordance with Article 32(2)(b)(ii) of Directive 2014/24/EU, on the basis that competition is absent for technical reasons. The required reagents are defined by specific antibody clones and fluorochrome conjugations, many of which are proprietary and are embedded within validated experimental protocols. Substitution would necessitate extensive re-validation, introduce scientific risk and delay research outputs. In addition, platform-specific consumables, including BD Rhapsody cartridge and cDNA kits are required for the operation of existing instrumentation and cannot be replaced with alternative products. While certain items may be available via resellers, this does not represent a viable alternative, as it introduces additional cost without addressing technical compatibility or continuity requirements. Accordingly, the proposed approach is necessary to ensure continuity of research and represents a proportionate and compliant procurement solution.

Procedure identifier: 2756c5fe-0df0-4597-902e-7494aeeaab2e

Internal identifier: TCD-26-C2392

Type of procedure: Negotiated without prior call for competition

2.1.1. Purpose

Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 33696500 Laboratory reagents

2.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

2.1.4. General information

Legal basis:

Directive 2014/24/EU

5. Lot

5.1. Lot: LOT-0001

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Main nature of the contract: Supplies

Main classification (cpv): 33696500 Laboratory reagents

5.1.2. Place of performance

Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)

Country: Ireland

5.1.3. Estimated duration

Start date: 24/04/2026

Duration end date: 30/09/2029

5.1.6. General information

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

5.1.7. Strategic procurement

Aim of strategic procurement: Reduction of environmental impacts

Description: A 10% weighting is allocated to the Environmental and Sustainability sections of the Award Criteria in tender competitions

Approach to reducing environmental impacts: Climate change mitigation

Green Procurement Criteria: National Green Public Procurement criteria

5.1.16. Further information, mediation and review

Review organisation: The High Court of Ireland

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures: The High Court of Ireland

6. Results

Value of all contracts awarded in this notice: 300 000,00 EUR

Direct award

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Justification for direct award: The contract can be provided only by a particular economic operator because of an absence of competition for technical reasons

Other justification: Substitution of these products with alternatives from other suppliers is not feasible without significant re-validation of experimental assays. This would result in substantial delays, additional costs, and potential risk to the integrity, comparability, and reproducibility of research data. In addition, a number of the required consumables are platform-specific and proprietary to existing BD instrumentation, including BD Rhapsody systems used for single-cell capture and gene expression analysis. These consumables, including cartridge-based reagent kits and cDNA preparation kits, are required for the operation of the system and cannot be substituted with alternatives without rendering the equipment non-functional or requiring replacement of the platform. While certain products may be available via third-party distributors or resellers, this does not constitute a viable competitive alternative. The use of intermediary suppliers introduces additional cost without altering the technical characteristics of the products, and does not address the requirement for continuity, compatibility, and direct manufacturer support. Accordingly, procurement through resellers would not represent value for money and would not mitigate the technical constraints associated with this requirement. Accordingly, the absence of competition for technical reasons and the requirement for continuity and compatibility necessitate the use of this procedure.

6.1. Result lot identifier: LOT-0001

6.1.2. Information about winners

Winner:

Official name: Becton Dickinson UK Ltd

Tender:

Tender identifier: TCD-26-C2392

Identifier of lot or group of lots: LOT-0001

Contract information:

Identifier of the contract: TCD-26-C2392

Date on which the winner was chosen: 20/04/2026

8. Organisations

8.1. ORG-0001

Official name: Trinity College Dublin the University of Dublin_336
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Internet address: <https://www.tcd.ie>
Buyer profile: <https://www.tcd.ie>

Roles of this organisation:

Buyer

8.1. ORG-0002

Official name: The High Court of Ireland
Registration number: The High Court of Ireland
Department: The High Court of Ireland
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Country subdivision (NUTS): Dublin (IE061)
Country: Ireland
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Roles of this organisation:

Review organisation

Organisation providing more information on the review procedures

8.1. ORG-0003

Official name: European Dynamics S.A.
Registration number: 002024901000
Department: European Dynamics S.A.
Town: Athens
Postcode: 15125
Country subdivision (NUTS): Βόρειος Τομέας Αθηνών (EL301)
Country: Greece
Email: eproc-esender@eurodyn.com

Telephone: +30 2108094500

Roles of this organisation:

TED eSender

8.1. ORG-0004

Official name: Becton Dickinson UK Ltd
Size of the economic operator: Medium
Registration number: 00852702
Postal address: 1030 Eskdale Road, Winnersh Triangle, Wokingham,
Town: Berkshire
Postcode: RG41 5TS

Country: United Kingdom

Roles of this organisation:

Tenderer

Winner of these lots: LOT-0001

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