**Prior Information Notice**

This is the equipment provisioning of the new wood, CAD, CAM and metals workshops used in the support and delivery of Higher education teaching and learning.

The nature of the works is to provide industry standard facilities to an elevated level of Design, manufacture and production in multi material and process orientated outcomes to undergraduate, postgraduate, research, Doctoral, and external research and commercialization projects.

The extents of works can be seen to include, but not restricted to, the full project which includes the decamp from existing workshop, (in use for 15 years) to a new purpose fitted set of adjacent work units in a recently refurbished building, known as The NEDF Project. This extent of work may include the quotation or expression of interest in, the entire or part equipment procurement list, the disposal of decommissioned equipment, the supply, delivery, installation, commissioning and training of the new equipment. The site works started 3rd quarter 2021 and are due for hand over 27th July 2023.

See appendix for indicative list of equipment required to be supplied, delivered, commissioned, within the window of 27th July to 18th September. But bear in mind this timeline may move contingent on external factors to the University. The service required will be as a supply partner, in excellent communication and intention to deliver a first-class workshop in a time frame that meets curriculum delivery and University business operational model. The service will extend to the supply of quotations and costings for nominated goods and service to meet the compliance, quality, and time frame of the project. Some flexibility will need to be understood in the global terms where lead in times, full costs, and commissioning window may flex in the delivery of these workshops. Good working practices and working relationships, excellent quality, and standardized equipment will be the measures of the submission quality.

This is a Prior information notice, not a call for competition. It can be used as guide for expression of interest in the entire project need, goods, services, and working relations, or can be seen as a source to identify specialist areas of expertise in supply of the above in nominated lots.

We will be looking for a supply of goods and services and a good working relationship able to provide ‘practicable flex’ in a project up to one year away. We will look for skills, knowledge, experience in this equipment-based industry, and the ability to operate on a time scale.

We would welcome discussion in terms of equipment solutioning, meeting outcomes in current industry standard or expected ways, for example, in the the metals workshop provisioning we need a discussion with regard cutting sheet metal by other means as potential alternative to Plasma cutting.

Already attributed is a budget in the region of £175, 000 which will include vat, and appropriately delivery, installation commissioning training.

Time limits for receipt of expressions of interest. Will be **four** weeks

**Appendix A** – PIN Indicative Equipment List