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Tender launched to construct new 1,639 square metres BioConnect Innovation Centre at Knockaconny Monaghan.



BioConnect Innovation Centre CLG is seeking tenders from building contractors to construct its new 1,639 square meter research and innovation centre situated along the Armagh Road at Knockaconny in Monaghan.

The €7m project, driven by Monaghan County Council and founding industry partners, Monaghan Mushrooms,

Manor Farm, Lakeland Dairies and Bio-Marine, in partnership with major food producers from the region, together with tertiary educational institutions, will provide up to 125 jobs in phase one of the development.

Planning permission for the research and innovation centre was granted in October and tenders are now invited up to 18<sup>th</sup> December 2020, with construction scheduled to commence in February 2021, for completion in March 2022. Details of the tender invitation are currently available on the ETENDERS website.

BioConnect Chief Executive, David Macauley, stated: “This is a key milestone in the development of the project which is all about engaging with local and regional food businesses and agricultural producers, together with entrepreneurs and investors, to drive the sector forward. He added, “I want to strongly encourage local and regional contractors to submit tenders to build this exciting new high tech building, a key part of the region’s bright future.”

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