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Contract

(NU/1433-39) EcoTech Devices: The Provision of Business Consultancy to Assist Commercialisation of University Research.

Newcastle University
Durham University
Northumbria University Newcastle Newcastle
University of Sunderland
Teesside University
University of Bath on behalf of the SETsquared

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

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I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract involves joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

(NU/1433-39) EcoTech Devices: The Provision of Business Consultancy to Assist Commercialisation of University Research.

Reference number

DN638704

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Northumbria University team have developed two complementary ecotechnologies (namely, Solar2water and OptimumAirCon) though they may be targeting different market applications. Solar2water is an innovative atmospheric water generator (AWG) while OptimumAirCon is an innovative indirect evaporative cooling system (IEC).

The aim is to create a spin-out company 'EcoTech Devices Limited' which will market and sell products globally (esp. in hot climatic regions and/or off-grid requirement scenarios) based on the two ecotechnologies.

The initial brief of the executive will be to:

- (1) Produce a viable 5 year business plan;
- (2) Obtain university approval for the venture;
 - a. Act for the company in the spin-out legal process and address all company formation matters;
 - b. Provide to the appropriate university all matters necessary for Research England reporting requirements;
- (3) Finalise market-ready product spec and validate TAM (Total Addressable Market)

(4) Engage with angels/VCs to attempt funding and promote to international partners

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £30,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Ability to meet the required programme / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Quality: Ability to meet the Job description / Weighting: 60

Quality criterion - Name: Equity / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Formal Appointment: / Weighting: Pass/Fail

Price - Weighting: 25%

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

Northern Accelerator programme involving funding from both the European Regional Development Funding (ERDF) and Research England

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the setting up of a dynamic purchasing system

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

(NU/1433-39)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 December 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 1

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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Tyne and Wear

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC - North East (England)

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £30,000

Total value of the contract/lot: £30,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Newcastle University

Tyne and Wear

NE1 7RU

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

The University will incorporate a standstill period at the point information on the award of the

contract is communicated to tenderers. That notification will provide full information on the award decision. The standstill period, which will be for a minimum of 10 calendar days, provides time for unsuccessful tenderers to challenge the award decision before the contract is entered into.

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015 No 102) provide for aggrieved parties who

have been harmed or are at risk of harm by a breach of the rules to take action in the High Court (England, Wales and Northern Ireland) within 30 days of knowledge or constructive knowledge of breach.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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