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Tender

## **(NU/1831) Supply of an AFM with PFM**

Newcastle University

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-039851

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://www.ncl.ac.uk>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=1f5383a9-af95-ed11-811c-005056b64545>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=1f5383a9-af95-ed11-811c-005056b64545>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

(NU/1831) Supply of an AFM with PFM

Reference number

DN651596

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38510000 - Microscopes

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

The Biomedical Engineering research hub in the School of Engineering, as well as other research groups in the Faculty of Science, Agriculture and Engineering and Faculty of Medical Sciences at Newcastle University, require AFM with PFM capabilities capabilities to support a wide range of research activities related to Medical Technologies.

Therefore, we are looking to purchase an AFM-PFM equipment that will enable us to nano-characterise new biomaterials and technologies for tissue engineering, analysis cell-cell and cell-materials interface in dry and wet/liquid state (e.g. property measurements of hydrogels, cells and tissues) and explore new healthcare research frontiers on the nanoscale. This purchase is being funded by the Wolfson Foundation.

The scope of this contract is for the supply, delivery and installation of the equipment detailed in the Invitation to Tender documents to the University, with after-sales support and 12 months warranty and maintenance.

Expressions of interest in this project can be made by registering via the University's etendering portal at: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=1f5383a9-af95-ed11-811c-005056b64545>

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### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC22 - Tyneside

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

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### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

5

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open procedure

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

### **IV.2) Administrative information**

#### **IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

17 February 2023

Local time

2:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

17 February 2023

Local time

2:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Newcastle University

Newcastle upon Tyne

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