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Contract

(NU/1433-27) iFAST: The Provision of Business Consultancy to Assist Commercialisation of University Research.

Newcastle University
Durham University
Northumbria University 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

I.1) Name and addresses

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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/1433-27) iFAST: The Provision of Business Consultancy to Assist Commercialisation of University Research.

Reference number

DN583557

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 emergence of bacteria that are resistant to antibiotics is a growing public health problem. In 2015, there were nearly 700,000 antimicrobial resistance (AMR) infections in the EU, accounting for 33,000 deaths and 900,000 disability-adjusted life years (DALYs) . In fact the impact of AMR is similar to the combined burden of influenza, tuberculosis, and HIV, and the global increases in healthcare costs is forecast to range from \$300 billion to more than \$1 trillion per year by 2050.

We have developed a breakthrough technology that delivers an antibiotic resistance test result in 1 hour. The technique rapidly measures phenotypic changes in bacteria after exposure to antibiotics.

The objective is for the Executive (CEO Desig) to jointly work in a team with all above named individuals to bring the opportunity towards and ultimately achieve launch of a new spinout company.

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

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Newcastle, Sunderland, Northumbria, Durham, Teesside universities together with the University of Bath on

behalf of the SETsquared Partnership (the Enterprise collaboration of the Universities of Bath, Bristol, Exeter,

Southampton and Surrey) and any other HE Institution that wishes to join this DPS, as detailed in the Office for Students Register, <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/the-register/the-ofs-register/> will engage suitably qualified and experienced executives through the DPS as and when required over the DPS period.

The specific requirements will be detailed in each individual further competition. The typical brief of an executive will be to:

- (a) Produce a viable business plan;
- (b) Obtain university approval for the venture;
- (c) Act for the company in the spin-out legal process and address all company formation matters;
- (d) Provide to the appropriate university all matters necessary for Research England and ESIF reporting requirements;
- (e) Secure (venture capital and/or other) funding in accordance with the business plan.

This will be a cyclical process throughout the entire Research England, and potential ESIF project along with any additional funding streams.

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: Pass/Fail

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

Quality criterion - Name: Equity / Weighting: 15

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/1433-27

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

12 January 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 3

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 3

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 3

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 3

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

J & T King Consulting Ltd

Burridge Road, Southampton,

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United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

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.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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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