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Contract

## **(NU/1433-43) Self-Enforcing Electronic Voting (SEEV): 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**

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**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

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## Section II: Object

### II.1) Scope of the procurement

#### II.1.1) Title

(NU/1433-43) Self-Enforcing Electronic Voting (SEEV): The Provision of Business Consultancy to Assist Commercialisation of University Research

Reference number

DN645292

#### 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 problem that the Self -Enforcing Electronic Voting (SEEV) technology and proposed Spin Out company aims to address is a lack of "verifiability" in existing e-voting products in the commercial market. The proposal is to commercialize end-to-end (E2E) verifiable e-voting systems for real-world elections by the creation of a Spin Out company. E2E verifiability refers to the ability of voters to verify if their votes are cast-as-intended, recorded-as-cast, and for any interested party to publicly verify if all ballots are tallied-as-recorded, hence gaining confidence about the integrity of the whole election process.

#### 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**

The initial brief of the executive will be to:

- Phase 1 – Write an ambitious business plan in line with ambitions and market opportunities.
- Phase 2 – (a) Complete spin out legal (b) obtain Founder Academic approval for appointment of CEO (c) deliver CCF reporting requirements to Newcastle University
- Phase 3 – Develop a customer pipeline with a number of organisations with the potential to become key customers
- Phase 4 – Receive Heads of Terms and/or positive intention to invest from a potential investor(s).

#### **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: 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

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## **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: Yes

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

#### **IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2022/S 186-528050](#)

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## **Section V. Award of contract**

### **Contract No**

(NU/1433-43)

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

6 January 2023

#### **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 other EU Member States: 0

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**

EnoMere Limited

Buckinghamshire

SL3 6HJ

Country

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)**

Total value of the contract/lot: £28,500

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## **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.