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Contract

(NU/1816) The Supply and Installation of Three Incubator-Based Brightfield and Fluorescence-Capable Live-Cell Imaging Systems

Newcastle University

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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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/1816) The Supply and Installation of Three Incubator-Based Brightfield and Fluorescence-Capable Live-Cell Imaging Systems

Reference number

DN636283

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

Newcastle University requires three fluorescence and brightfield standard tissue culture incubator- based imaging systems for the automated imaging of cells in culture grown in standard tissue culture flasks, dishes and plates. The systems must be able to accommodate and schedule, multiple separate experiments each potentially requiring independent imaging parameters for example imaging frequency, magnification and fluorescence channel(s). The systems will be located and operated by the University's BioImaging facility at three campus locations. Together they will form a live-cell imaging platform to serve the requirements of researchers at each location. The capabilities of each system or its associated software may need to be tailored depending on the research that it will support (see ITT). The main users of the system will be academic labs across the faculty of medical sciences.

The scope of the contract is for the delivery, installation and commissioning of three incubator-based multi-user imaging systems capable of both brightfield and fluorescence imaging modalities (as specified in Section 3). Pricing for warranty, maintenance and after sales service must be provided within Section 4 Pricing Schedule. Ex-demonstration or reconditioned systems will be considered. Please note that the University reserves the right not to make an award of contract.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

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

Lowest offer: £660,000 / Highest offer: £700,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 51430000 - Installation services of laboratory equipment

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

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Criteria / Weighting: 70

Price - Weighting: 30

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NU/1816

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

13 December 2022

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

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

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

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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Epsom

KT19 9QQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Internet address

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The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £660,000 / Highest offer: £700,000 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

Newcastle University

Newcastle upon Tyne

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

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

VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures

Newcastle University will incorporate a minimum 10 calendar day standstill period at the point information on the award of the contract is communicated to tenderers. This period allows unsuccessful tenderers to seek further debriefing before the contract is entered into. Applicants have 2 working days from notification of the award decision to request additional debriefing and that information has to be provided a minimum of 3 working days before expiry of the standstill period. Such additional information should be requested from the address referred to in part 1.1 above. If an appeal regarding the award of a contract has not been successfully resolved, the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 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). Any such action must be brought promptly. Where a contract has not been entered into the Court may order the setting aside of the award decision or order the authority to amend any document and may award damages. If the contract has been entered into the Court may only award damages.