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Contract

(NU/1433-47) Kargenera: 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/1433-47) Kargenera: The Provision of Business Consultancy to Assist Commercialisation of University Research

Reference number

DN644002

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 University of Southampton have developed a unique DNA based therapeutic to activate NK cells against cancer. The therapeutic is delivered intramuscularly in combination with DNA encoding the potent immune stimulating cytokine IL-15.

The objective is for an Executive to jointly work with the team 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

- UKC - North East (England)

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The project description is included below:

Phase 1 Opportunity Validation and Business Plan Creation - Executive leads all activity; ensures other team members support on relevant technical/ application needs inputs; if requested by Exec, UoS R&IS department will assist defining business plan requirements

Phase 2 Research organisation Approval In Principle to Spinout - Executive briefed by UoS R&IS on relevant documentation, and assisted by that team to complete this and submit to first available regular bi-monthly Southampton Enterprise Board meetings; Attendance of networking conferences to accelerate commercialisation process.

Phase 3 Achieve “Ready to Spin” status

Phase 4 Investor willingness to complete necessary funding round;

II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Quality criterion - Name: Ability to meet the Job Description / Weighting: Pass / Fail and Weighted 60%

Quality criterion - Name: Formal Appointment as CEO / Weighting: Pass/Fail)

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: 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/1433-47

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

11 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

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lifescience Advisors Limited

Hughenden Valley

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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: £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

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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