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Contract

(NU/1840) The Supply and Installation of a Long-Read Single-Molecule Sequencing Platform for Scalable Genomics, Transcriptomic, Epigenomic and Single-Cell Analysis

Newcastle University

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

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Internet address(es)

Main address

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Buyer's address

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

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/1840) The Supply and Installation of a Long-Read Single-Molecule Sequencing Platform for Scalable Genomics, Transcriptomic, Epigenomic and Single-Cell Analysis

Reference number

DN644232

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

The Genomics Core Facility (GCF) within Newcastle University is a state-of-the-art Next-Generation Sequencing laboratory that specialises in single-cell and spatial transcriptomics applications and supports a wide range of sequencing-based research within the Faculty of Medical Sciences (FMS) and beyond. The sequencing technology currently available within the facility is based on a clonally amplified short-read approach. As part of an MRC equipment award the University are seeking to purchase a high-throughput, scalable, long-read single-molecule sequencer. The scope of the contract is for the supply of the equipment and proprietary consumables, delivery, installation, training, 4 years of maintenance and servicing cover to begin once the 12-month warranty period has expired and proprietary consumables for 5 years post installation (to be purchased as and when required). The sequencer will be operated by dedicated and experienced NGS staff and will play a central role in large-scale discovery and translational research programmes involving genomic, transcriptomic, epigenomic and single cell analysis.

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: £350,000 / Highest offer: £390,000 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: 60

Price - Weighting: 40

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

NU1840

Lot No

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

1 February 2023

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

Oxford Nanopore Technologies

Gosling Building Edmund Halley Road

Oxford

OX4 4DQ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ1 - Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire

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: £350,000 / Highest offer: £390,000 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

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.