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Contract

## **Miscanspeed sequencing procurement**

Aberystwyth University

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0364d9

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

Aberystwyth University

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Aberystwyth

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#### **Country**

United Kingdom

#### **NUTS code**

UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<http://www.aber.ac.uk>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Other type

University

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Miscanspeed sequencing procurement

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Researchers at IBERS, Aberystwyth University are undertaking a 3 year project to implement genomic selection (GS) in the perennial energy crop Miscanthus. The project is to establish genomic selection in 2 Miscanthus recurrent selection pools (M.sinensis and M.sacchariflorus). We need a rapid, high throughput genomic marker system to enable selections in time to make crosses within the same season in order to generate the subsequent generation.

**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: £224,325.84

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

Main site or place of performance

Aberystwyth

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

The projects has 2 phases:

Phase 1. Training Set & parents: 111 diploid *M. sinensis*, 341 tetraploid *M.sacchariflorus*

Phase 2: Progeny screening: Approx. 1000 progeny per species, per year. Max. 2000 per year, 6000 total over 3 years.

Phase 1.

Leaf samples will be taken from mature plants in July 2022.

A.Genomic DNA will be extracted from leaf samples. We will prepare DNA in-house if necessary, but we would prefer all processing to be done by the company if at all possible.

B.The company will process and sequence the DNA samples

C.The company will generate genomic (SNP) markers (genotype calls rather than NGS sequence tags that then have to be mined for SNPs).

Phase 2:

Samples will be taken from the seedlings in Feb/March of 2023, 2024 and 2025.

A. Genomic DNA will be extracted from leaf samples. We will prepare DNA in-house if

necessary, but we would prefer all processing to be done by the company if at all possible.

B. The company will process and sequence the DNA samples. This may be using the same technology or a modified version in relation to Phase 1.

C. The company will generate genomic (SNP) markers (genotype calls rather than NGS sequence tags that then have to be mined for SNPs).

Markers are required back by May/June at the latest. A rapid and robust process is essential or we will miss a year's crossing and miss our project targets.

We need the same SNPs for both GS training (Phase 1, 2022) and genotyping the seedlings (Phase 2, 2023-2025).

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Technical / Weighting: 800

Cost criterion - Name: Cost / Weighting: 200

#### **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

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## **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**

Notice number: [2022/S 022-121824](#)

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

16 August 2022

#### **V.2.2) Information about tenders**

Number of tenders received: 3

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: 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**

Rapid Genomics

747 SW 2nd Ave, Ste 314

Gainesville

32601

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+1 3522732196

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £224,325.84

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

(WA Ref:124209)

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

High Court

Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand

London

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United Kingdom