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NU/1433 The Provision of Business Consultancy to Assist Commercialisation of University Research

Newcastle University

F14: Notice for changes or additional information

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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Section II: Object**II.1) Scope of the procurement****II.1.1) Title**

NU/1433 The Provision of Business Consultancy to Assist Commercialisation of University Research

Reference number

DN374603

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

Newcastle, Sunderland, Northumbria, Durham, Teesside universities together with the

University of Bath on behalf of the SETsquared Partnership (the Enterprise collaboration of the Universities of Bath, Bristol, Exeter, Southampton and Surrey) and any other HE Institution that wishes to join this DPS, as detailed in the Office for Students Register, <https://www.officeforstudents.org.uk/advice-and-guidance/the-register/the-ofs-register/> will engage suitably qualified and experienced executives through the DPS as and when required over the DPS period.

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- (e) Secure (venture capital and/or other) funding in accordance with the business plan.

This will be a cyclical process throughout the entire Research England, and potential ESIF project along with any additional funding streams.

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.6) Original notice reference

Notice number: [2019/S 009-016574](#)

Section VII. Changes

VII.1) Information to be changed or added

VII.1.2) Text to be corrected in the original notice

Section number

II.1.4

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A key route to commercialisation is the creation of a new business (a spin-out company) wherein the intellectual property (IPR) developed is exclusively licenced to a university start-up company in exchange for (founders') shares in that company.

A university spin-out company is centred on unique, often world class, technology. However as a start-up, to be successful, it requires, most critically, top quality business leadership.

Due to funding restrictions, universities usually attract managers to this high risk role through a sweat equity arrangement.

The universities wish to broaden the attractiveness of this role by contracting executives to develop the business plan, make the company investor ready and raise investment funds to take the business forward.

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VII.2) Other additional information

These changes have been made to reflect the addition of Teesside universities together with the University of

Bath on behalf of the SETsquared Partnership (the Enterprise collaboration of the Universities of Bath, Bristol,

Exeter, Southampton and Surrey) and any other HE Institution that wishes to join this DPS process, as detailed

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The value has been increased to reflect these changes.