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Contract

(NU/1433-36) IndigoDX Ltd: Commercialisation of university research through provision of management skills to assist in successful spin-out company creation

Newcastle University

Durham University

Northumbria University Newcastle Newcastle

University of Sunderland

Teesside University

University of Bath on behalf of the SETsquared

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-0371b3

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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/1433-36) IndigoDX Ltd: Commercialisation of university research through provision of management skills to assist in successful spin-out company creation

Reference number

DN621227

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

1 in 5 adults in the UK suffer from urinary symptoms caused by an overactive bladder (OAB). Symptoms include urgency (a sudden compelling desire to pass urine, which cannot be deferred), increased frequency of voiding (both day and night) and urge incontinence (involuntary leakage accompanied by / immediately preceded by urgency).

The Team wishes to establish a spinout company to produce a Dipstick-style test. Our discovery is currently being developed into a simple-to-use diagnostic tool used for (1) regular screening for OAB in adults, at a GP surgery, pharmacy or nursing home, and (2) to assess the effectiveness of treatments (companion diagnostic) and modifying dosing/treatments accordingly. Accurate and early diagnosis will improve treatment outcomes, eliminating the need for patients to have invasive and high-risk surgery-led second-line treatments necessary for advanced-stage disease.

Currently there is no competition for a non-invasive biomarker-based test, and new product development activity appears to be very limited, suggesting an opportunity for 'first mover advantage' and to establish a standard.

We require a driven executive to take this technology forward and build a compelling proposition for investment. The Executive will need to create a robust business model that is acceptable to the founders, develop and deliver pitch materials for investors and establish

collaborative research projects.

The executive appointed should have an appropriate background, ideally with experience of high tech start ups, securing seed investment and establishing manufacturing facilities.

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

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II.2.5) Award criteria

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

Quality criterion - Name: Confirm acceptance of the formal appointment to the board milestone requirements / Weighting: Pass / Fail

Quality criterion - Name: Quality: Ability to meet the Job Description required for the individual / Weighting: 70

Quality criterion - Name: Equity share / Weighting: 5

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: No

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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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

6 September 2022

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

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

DU Biosciences

London

SW19 1JG

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

Newcastle University

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