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Contract

(NU/1824) The Provision of Clinical Research Support & Central Laboratory Services for the ADVANCE Study

Newcastle University

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocids-h6vhtk-0387f3

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Region code

UKC22 - Tyneside

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/1824) The Provision of Clinical Research Support & Central Laboratory Services for the ADVANCE Study

Reference number

DN644540

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Newcastle University Translational and Clinical Research Institute is one of three research institutes established in 2019 following a restructure within the Faculty of Medical

Sciences. Its members map across the biomedical research landscape. A number of major

research projects are led from within the Institute including the “NASH Disease Translational

Accelerator” (NASH-DTA) project. This project funded brings together clinicians and scientists from prominent academic centres across Europe and industrial partners to conduct research into advanced liver disease/cirrhosis caused by non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD). Their common goals are developing, validating and qualifying better biomarkers for NAFLD. Strongly associated with the epidemics of obesity and type 2 diabetes that are testing healthcare systems worldwide, NAFLD is an increasingly common

cause of advanced liver disease that is characterized by substantial inter-patient variability in

severity and rate of progression. Biomarkers under investigation in the project include genes

that contribute to NAFLD progression.

The purpose of this tender process is to engage a supplier to provide clinical research support, central laboratory services and to oversee biological sample transfers and provide

centralised laboratory processing of biological samples collected during the course of the study.

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: £2,000,000 / Highest offer: £2,000,200 taken into consideration

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKC22 - Tyneside

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The purpose of this tender process is to engage a supplier to provide clinical research support, central laboratory services and to oversee biological sample transfers and provide

centralised laboratory processing of biological samples collected during the course of the study.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Ability to meet the service specification / 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: 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/1824

Lot No

1

Title

The Provision of Clinical Research Support and Central Laboratory Services for the ADVANCE Study

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 August 2023

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 0

Number of tenders received from tenderers from other EU Member States: 2

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 0

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

ICON Clinical Research Ltd

South County Business Park, Leopardstown

Dublin

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Country

Ireland

NUTS code

- IE061 - Dublin

Internet address

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

The contractor is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £2,000,000 / Highest offer: £2,000,200 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.