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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): ocds-h6vhtk-0387f3

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

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

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Newcastle

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**Country**

United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKC22 - Tyneside

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

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

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

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**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

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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 000-033334](#)

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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

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## **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.