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Award

## **(NU/1822) Research Agreement between Newcastle University and SomaLogic Operating Co Inc.**

Newcastle University

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

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

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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/1822) Research Agreement between Newcastle University and SomaLogic Operating Co Inc.

Reference number

DN638514

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Services

**II.1.4) Short description**

Newcastle University will enter into a research agreement with SomaLogic Operating Co Inc. for the provision of blood-based biomarker analysis to support a natural history cohort study in subjects with liver disease. The contracting party will provide biological sample analysis including but not limited to a comprehensive panel of circulating proteins measured using their own proprietary techniques, to assess liver fibrosis and support clinical research.

**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: £100,000 / Highest offer: £1,100,000 taken into consideration

**II.2) Description****II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKC22 - Tyneside

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

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**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**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason: absence of competition for technical reasons. The methodology is reliant on proprietary technology developed by SomaLogic.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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

### **Lot No**

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 October 2022

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

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

#### **V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor/concessionaire**

Somalogic Operating Co Inc

2945 Wilderness Pl

Boulder Colorado

80301

Country

United States

NUTS code

- US - United States

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £1,000,000 / Highest offer: £1,100,000 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 4 / 4 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