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Award

(NU/1821) Research Agreement between Newcastle University and Histoindex Pte Ltd

Newcastle University

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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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

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

(NU/1821) Research Agreement between Newcastle University and Histoindex Pte Ltd

Reference number

DN638418

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73110000 - Research services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

Newcastle University will enter into a contract with Histoindex pte Ltd for provision of second harmonic generation/two photon excitation microscopy to support a natural history cohort study in subjects with liver disease. The contracting party will conduct specialist artificial intelligence-based analysis of liver tissue sections following second harmonic generation/two photon excitation microscopy data capture, including the use of their own proprietary techniques, to 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: £300,000 / Highest offer: £500,000 taken into consideration

II.2) Description**II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

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

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:

Intention to award a research contract under UK Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 102 Part 2 Chapter 2 Section 3 Regulation 32(1)(b)(ii) and (iii) for provision of second harmonic generation/two photon excitation microscopy to support a natural history cohort study in subjects with liver disease. The contracting party will conduct specialist artificial intelligence-based analysis of liver tissue sections following second harmonic generation/two photon excitation microscopy data capture, including the use of their own proprietary techniques, to support clinical research.

The award is lawful according to:

The negotiated procedure without prior publication may be used for public works contracts, public supply contracts and public service contracts in any of the following cases:

1. competition is absent for technical reasons and.
2. the protection of exclusive rights, including intellectual property rights

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract/concession

Contract No

NU1821

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

Histoindex pte Ltd

79 Ayer Rajah Crescent, #04-05/06 JTC LaunchPad

Singapore 139955

Country

Singapore

NUTS code

- SG - Singapore

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £300,000 / Highest offer: £500,000 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

Internet address

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

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