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Tender

## **(NU/1833) Supply of a Maskless Aligner for Optical Lithography**

Newcastle University

F02: Contract notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-03849d

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

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

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Newcastle

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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.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

<https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=d605e381-2564-ed11-811b-9f38301b3091>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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**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/1833) Supply of a Maskless Aligner for Optical Lithography

Reference number

DN642897

#### II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

#### II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

#### II.1.4) Short description

There is a large and growing number of research groups from multiple schools across the Faculty of Science, Agriculture and Engineering at Newcastle University which would benefit from the rapid and cost-efficient prototyping capabilities of a maskless aligner for optical lithography. Therefore, we are looking to purchase a maskless aligner for optical lithography to meet this growing need.

Such a system will enable us to rapidly and cost-efficiently fabricate electronic, photonic, and mechanical devices with microscale precision, high throughput, and superior reliability, thereby accelerating our University's research productivity and allowing us to explore new research frontiers on the microscale. The scope of this contract is for the supply, delivery and help in installation of the equipment detailed in Invitation to Tender document to the University, with after-sales support and 24 months warranty and maintenance.

Expressions of interest in this project can be made by registering via the University's e-tendering portal at: <https://procontract.due-north.com/Advert/Index?advertId=d605e381-2564-ed11-811b-9f38301b3091>

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### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **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.2.5) Award criteria**

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

### **II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system**

Duration in months

4

This contract is subject to renewal

No

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **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

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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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.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

Date

15 December 2022

Local time

2:00pm

#### **IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted**

English

#### **IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

Duration in months: 3 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

#### **IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

15 December 2022

Local time

2:30pm

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **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

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.