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## **(NU/1842) The Supply and Installation of a Nanoscale Liquid handling System for Use in Clinical Trials**

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/1842) The Supply and Installation of a Nanoscale Liquid handling System for Use in Clinical Trials

Reference number

DN643917

**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**

Intention to award a Public Supplies contract under Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 for the supply and installation of a nanoscale liquid handling system.

Newcastle University has a well-established Cancer Drug Discovery Unit that has contributed to the discovery of two registered cancer medicines and a further two investigational treatments that are currently in Phase 1 clinical trials. The unit is looking to replace a nanoscale liquid handling system which forms part of the crystallographic workflows. The key requirements of this system are accuracy, speed and an ability to handle low nanolitre volumes in 384- and 1536-well formats. For these technical reasons there is only one suitable system on the market. The University will issue a VEAT notice and use the negotiated procedure without a call for competition.

The requirement is for accuracy and precision for volumes down to 2.5 nanolitres (nl). This enables a wide variety of low-volume, high-throughput liquid handling applications, that are at the core of the drug discovery cascades used in the Unit and by key external collaborators.

#### **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: £330,000 / Highest offer: £360,000 taken into consideration

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)
- 51430000 - Installation services of laboratory equipment

#### **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**

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
  - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

Intention to award a Public Supplies contract under Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 for the supply and installation of a nanoscale liquid handling system. The award of contract is lawful due to the absence of competition for a system with the required accuracy and precision for dispensing at the nanolitre range.

#### **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**

### **Contract No**

NU.1842

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

17 November 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**

Beckman Coulter United Kingdom Ltd

Oakley Court, Kingsmead Business Park, London Road

High Wycombe

HP11 1JU

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKC22 - Tyneside

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £330,000 / Highest offer: £360,000 taken into consideration

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

This is a VEAT Notice to show our intention to award a Public Supplies contract under Regulation 32 (2) (b) (ii) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 for the supply and installation of a nanoscale liquid handling system.

### **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