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## **(NU/1851) Framework Agreement between Newcastle University and Twist Bioscience**

Newcastle University

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

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

Newcastle University

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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/1851) Framework Agreement between Newcastle University and Twist Bioscience

Reference number

DN647465

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 33696500 - Laboratory reagents

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

**II.1.4) Short description**

Newcastle University intends to establish a framework agreement with Twist Biosciences for the supply of Twist Targeted Methylation Sequencing Workflow, Equinox Library Amp mix and Human Methylome Panel. These specific products are required to allow the University to establish a unique way of sequencing methylated sites within the genome. It will allow the use of sequence capture technology and a new enzymatic methodology to replace bisulphite modification.

**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: £600,000 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**

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:

The consumables to be purchased from framework agreement will allow the University to use a new methodology to be used for sequencing methylated sites.

#### **IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement**

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

#### **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**

1

### **Lot No**

1

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

7 December 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**

Twist Biosciences Corporation

681 Gateway Blvd

South San Fransico

CA 94080

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £100,000 / Highest offer: £500,000 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

Internet address

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

#### **VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures**

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