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Contract

RBGKEW1398 - Fungarium Sequencing Project Phase 2

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew

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United Kingdom

Region code

UKI - London

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Ministry or any other national or federal authority

I.5) Main activity

Environment

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

RBGKEW1398 - Fungarium Sequencing Project Phase 2

Reference number

RBGKEW1398

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 73111000 - Research laboratory services

II.1.3) Type of contract

Services

II.1.4) Short description

The Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew ('RBG Kew') intends to appoint a Supplier for a period of up to 36 months with the option to extend by up to a further 6, from contract

commencement in 2025. The Supplier will provide sequencing services primarily for the Fungarium Sequencing project, but also for other projects using fungal whole genome sequencing approaches.

The Fungarium Sequencing project at RBG Kew aims at whole genome sequencing several thousands of fungi from a combination of fresh samples and mostly historical/ancient dried fungarium collections. Samples are mostly reference type specimens with very low DNA yield. Library preparation requires ancient DNA protocols.

The Supplier will provide high-throughput sequencing data either from DNA extracts or from library preparations supplied by RBG Kew, according to the sequencing requirements below:

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £444,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 71620000 - Analysis services

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKI - London

Main site or place of performance

LONDON

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

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The maximum possible value of work under this contract is £444,000 GBP excluding VAT.

Services will be called off as needed and RBG Kew makes no commitment to any minimum level of spend.

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II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Technical Criteria / Weighting: 120

Cost criterion - Name: Commercial Criteria / Weighting: 80

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

with the option to extend by up to a further 6 months,

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

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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

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Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 May 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

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

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Edinburgh Genetics Limited

Pentlands Science Park,

Penicuik

EH26 0PZ

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

National registration number

SC650426

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Total value of the contract/lot: £444,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

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VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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