

## Molecular Biology Research Services (LAB2002NE)

### SUMMARY

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The framework provides a one stop point to access the common molecular biology research services used by member institutes. The framework has been tendered using a full OJEU compliant process and offers a range of suppliers known within the laboratories category area.

### SCOPE

The scope of the framework is for the provision of Molecular Biology Research Services (MBRS). These include Next Gen Sequencing, Sanger Sequencing, Genotyping, DNA/RNA Extraction Services and Oligonucleotides.

The agreement has been awarded to the following ten suppliers: Biolegio BV, Eurogentec Ltd, Genewiz UK Ltd, LGC Genomics Ltd, Macrogen Inc, Microsynth AG, Qiagen Ltd, Source BioScience UK Ltd and UK Biocentre Ltd.

### AGREEMENT BENEFITS

- The framework, as proposed, provides the availability of a full range of molecular biology research services required for the HE environment as given as a priority by the TWP.
- The framework provides access to key suppliers in the respective market
- Sustainability and CSR issues considered in the evaluation and will be monitored for the duration of the framework agreement
- MI reporting at consortia level will be direct and so within control, improving savings reports for members.
- Direct control of contract management and reviews at consortia level.
- A rigorous evaluation has been carried out, ensuring suppliers are high quality.
- NEUPC will monitor insurance requirements, financial status and certification requirements for the duration of the framework agreement
- Suppliers have signed up to additional call off KPIs within the call off Contracts, Suppliers must be prepared to meet Key Performance Indicators for individual call off Contracts in the areas defined below, to reflect minimum standards of service delivery requirements as stated in the Specification.
- Positive approach to working and building working relationships with the Member Institution
- Timely and accurate Management Information
- Accurate, regular invoicing
- Communication and customer Interface
- Value for money through collaborative buying and discounts offered by framework providers

### USING THE FRAMEWORK

Call-off from this Framework Agreement is by means of ranking or mini-competition. With the complexity of the services being procured, we envisage that the mini competition approach will be most appropriate means and the ranked approach is there to support any requirements where the timescales are limited.

#### Option One - Ranked

Institutions are required to contract directly with the first ranked Contractor (unless the first ranked Contractor confirms that they do not have capacity to undertake the work; or cannot respond within the required timescales as detailed in the Specification of Requirements; or there are other relevant issues such as conflict of interest, in which case the second ranked Contractor should be appointed). If the second ranked Contractor cannot meet the need (by reason of issues detailed above), the third ranked Contractor should be approached and so on.

This award of a contract will take place after the Institution has discussed its specific requirements with the Contractor and agreement has been reached as to timescales, methodology/approach, specific service requirements and key milestones and performance indicators to be met.

The Standard Terms and Conditions of any Call-off Contract shall be as those stated in the Framework Agreement and only minor points can be re-negotiated with the consent of the Contractor and the Institution such as Payment Terms. Institutions and Contractors cannot use their own terms and conditions. For individual assignments under longer term Call-off Contracts, instruction will be given and received as per the Specification of Requirements section of this ITT.

Please ensure all resulting contracts and purchase orders reference the Framework Agreement (LAB2002NE).

#### Option Two – Mini-Competition

Institutions wishing to undertake a mini-competition within a particular lot may do so.

All the Contractors appointed to the relevant lot must be invited to submit responses to the Institution's mini-competition tender document.

The original Framework Agreement award criteria categories should be applied in the mini-competition tender document, though some of the criteria may be removed or weightings amended if deemed irrelevant to the Institutions requirements. As this is a Most Economically Advantageous Tender (MEAT) Framework Agreement, both technical and commercial evaluation criteria must be used in a mini competition tender process. Institutions cannot pre-qualify Contractors further.

Please refer to the Buyers Guide for full instructions.

## SUPPLIERS

Lot	Suppliers
<b>Lot 1 Next Generation Sequencing Services</b>	Eurofins Genetic Services Limited, Eurofins Genomics UK Ltd, Genewiz, LGC Genomics Limited, Macrogen Inc. , Microsynth AG, Source Bioscience,
<b>Lot 2 Sanger Sequencing Services</b>	Eurofins Genomics UK Ltd, Eurofins Genomics UK Ltd, Genewiz, LGC Genomics Limited, Macrogen Inc. , Microsynth AG, Samantha Green, Source Bioscience,
<b>Lot 3 Genotyping Services</b>	Eurofins Genetic Services Limited, Eurofins Genomics UK Ltd, LGC Genomics Limited, Macrogen Inc. , Qiagen Ltd, Source Bioscience,
<b>Lot 4 DNA/RNA Extraction Services</b>	Eurofins Genomics UK Ltd, Genewiz, LGC Genomics Limited, Microsynth AG, Source Bioscience, UK Biocentre Ltd,
<b>Lot 5 Oligonucleotides</b>	Biolegio BV, Eurofins Genomics UK Ltd, Eurogentec Ltd, LGC Genomics Limited, Macrogen Inc. , Microsynth AG,

## SUSTAINABILITY

All the suppliers on the framework are required to carry out an assessment on the NEUPC's Sustainability toolkit. Any actions identified are reviewed with suppliers as part of the contracts management activities to ensure that there is a commitment to improve.

## NEXT STEPS

Contact the NEUPC's Laboratories Category Manager for further information