

VOLUNTARY EX ANTE TRANSPARENCY NOTICE

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Directive 2014/24/EU

SECTION I: CONTRACTING AUTHORITY/ENTITY

I.1) NAME AND ADDRESSES

Official name:

Universiteit Leiden

National ID:

27368929

Postal address:

Postbus 905

Town:

Leiden

NUTS code:

NL

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NL

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Main address:

<https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/>

Address of the buyer profile:

<https://platform.negometrix.com/PublishedTenders.aspx?tenderid=201319>

I.4) TYPE OF THE CONTRACTING AUTHORITY

Body governed by public law

I.5) MAIN ACTIVITY

Other activity: Scientific research and higher education

SECTION II: OBJECT

II.1) SCOPE OF THE PROCUREMENT

II.1.1) Title

Sequencing system

Reference number: -

II.1.2) CPV code(s)

Main code:

38000000 - Laboratoriuminstrumenten, optische en precisie-instrumenten (uitgezonderd brillen)

Supplementary code:

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II.1.3) Type of contract

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II.1.4) Short description

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) is a versatile technology that is intensely used in multiple applications for both fundamental and applied agriculture-related research in the DING lab. The DING lab was led by Dr. Pingtao Ding since 2021, and his lab is particularly interested in understanding the transcriptional regulatory mechanisms underlying plant-microbe interactions, and he is a pioneering early-career tenure-track assistant professor on applying systems biology approaches in studying plant innate immunity. The DING lab has generated several NGS methods, which also will be offered as open-access approaches to all researchers and employees of ULEI as well as those outside of ULEI. Researchers from many departments will be work in collaboration with the DING lab for such technologies. Previously, the DING lab has been using the NextSeq 550 sequencing equipment to establish all methodologies in the UK before they moved to the Netherlands. Now with the financial support from a prestigious personal grant awarded to Dr. Pingtao Ding, one major upgrade of the sequencing equipment is to purchase the NextSeq 2000 sequencer from the same company Illumina, due to the increased demands of flow cell sequencing capacities.

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: no

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

Value: 309 825,00

Currency: EUR

II.2) DESCRIPTION

II.2.1) Title

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Lot No: -

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

Main code:

38434000 - Analysatoren

Supplementary code:

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Main code:

38434500 - Biochemische analysatoren

Supplementary code:

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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS code:

NL NEDERLAND

Main site or place of performance:

Leiden

II.2.4) Description of the procurement:

(nature and quantity of works, supplies or services or indication of needs and requirements)

Delivery of a NextSeq 2000 sequencer of Illumina Netherlands BV by means of a negotiated procedure.

II.2.5) Award criteria

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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: yes

Identification of the project:

101039824R-ELEVATION ERC-2021-STGRef

II.2.14) Additional information:

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SECTION IV: PROCEDURE

IV.1) DESCRIPTION

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated procedure without prior publication

IV.1.3) Information about framework agreement

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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

Notice number in the OJ S: -

SECTION V: AWARD OF CONTRACT / CONCESSION

Contract No: 1

Lot No: 1

Title: NextSeq 2000 Sequencing System

V.2) AWARD OF CONTRACT / CONCESSION

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract/concession award decision:

03/05/2022

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

Official name:

Illumina Netherlands BV

National ID:

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Postal address:

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Town:

Eindhoven

NUTS code:

NL

Postal code:

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Country:

NL

Telephone:

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E-mail:

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Fax:

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Internet address:

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The contractor/concessionaire is an SME: no

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession:

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Total value of the contract/lot/concession: 309 825,00

Currency: EUR

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

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SECTION VI: COMPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

VI.3) ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This publication is done to indicate our intention to award the contract to Illumina Netherlands BV. If no representations are received within 20 days after this publication, the contract will be awarded.

VI.4) PROCEDURES FOR REVIEW

VI.4.1) Review body

Official name:

Rechtbank Den Haag

Postal address:

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Town:

Den Haag

Postal code:

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Country:

NL

E-mail:

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Telephone:

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Internet address:

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VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

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VI.4.3) Review procedure

Precise information on deadline(s) for review procedures:

Within 20 days after this publication.

VI.4.4) Service from which information about the review procedure may be obtained

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VI.5) DATE OF DISPATCH OF THIS NOTICE

25/05/2022

ANNEX D1 – GENERAL PROCUREMENT: JUSTIFICATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE CONTRACT WITHOUT PRIOR PUBLICATION OF A CALL FOR COMPETITION IN THE OFFICIAL JOURNAL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Directive 2014/24/EU

D1.1) Justification for the choice of the negotiated procedure without prior publication of a call for competition in accordance with Article 32 of Directive 2014/24/EU

The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:

- absence of competition for technical reasons

D1.3) Explanation

Please explain in a clear and comprehensive manner why the award of the contract without prior publication in the Official Journal of the European Union is lawful, by stating the relevant facts and, as appropriate, the conclusions of law in accordance with the directive: The wish is to purchase a sequencer with certain features and functionalities.

The DING lab at ULEI needs sequencers that are seamlessly interchangeable with their previous Illumina systems used in the UK (NextSeq 550). This is necessary to ensure the continuity of the long-term multi-year sequencing projects (Horizon Europe, European Research Council Starting Grant, R-ELEVATION) guarantees as well as in case of maintenance or interruptions. In such cases, the DING lab at ULEI can immediately fall back on other sequencing instruments. Most of sequencing work in the DING lab is specialized. The DING lab has generated and optimized multiple homemade sequencing protocols that be used that are specifically designed and adapted for the research questions to be answered. In practice, this translates into a wide variety of sequencing settings and protocols, including multiple rounds of tweaking, trial and error, which are not as possible under (accredited) conditions as present at IBL/ULEI. All Illumina sequencers are so-called short reads sequencers, which contain up to 300 base pairs on both sides of aDNA fragment (paired end) can sequence and are interchangeable. Paired-end sequencing is required for several applications, including ATAC (assay for transposase-accessible chromatin) sequencing, 3D-RNAseq, Cleavage Under Targets & Tagmentation (CUT&Tag) epigenome profiling or transcription factor binding activity profiling, and custom developed single-cell multi-

omics profiling protocols. In addition, the DING lab at IBL/ULEI also sequence libraries prepared by researchers or collaborators at IBL/ULEI and all of which, without exceptions, are prepared and tailored for the Illumina systems. That's why compatibility is a strong requirement.

Based on the above, the DING lab at IBL/ULEI comes to the conclusion that the NextSeq 2000 is the only combines these properties that are necessary for the research to be carried out. It is also the DING lab at IBL/ULEI estimates that competition is not possible with which this assignment can only be awarded to Illumina Netherlands BV.

See also Negometrix for the full document.