

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 5, 2013 (May 30, 2013)

NewLink Genetics Corporation
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-35342
(Commission
File Number)

42-1491350
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

2503 South Loop Drive
Ames, IA
(Address of principal executive offices)

50010
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(515) 296-5555**

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 1 - Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On May 30, 2013, NewLink Genetics Corporation (the "Company") entered into a Standard Design-Build Agreement (the "Agreement") with Story Construction Co. (the "Builder") to provide remodeling services with respect to approximately 11,700 square feet of existing manufacturing and quality control space at the Company's headquarters in Ames, Iowa. As previously disclosed, the Builder has previously performed similar services for the Company.

Under the terms of the Agreement, the Company will pay the Builder approximately \$1.0 million for the design and construction of this remodel, subject to adjustments made in accordance with the general conditions of the Agreement. The Builder will procure materials prior to construction and will commence work on September 3, 2013. The Agreement contemplates substantial completion of the work in the current calendar year.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: June 5, 2013

NewLink Genetics Corporation

By: /s/ Gordon H. Link, Jr.
Gordon H. Link, Jr.
Its: Chief Financial Officer