NEWLINK GENETICS CORP Form 8-K October 01, 2015

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): October 1, 2015

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

Delaware	001-35342	42-1491350
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)

2503 South Loop Drive Ames, IA	50010
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

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

Not applicable

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

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

Section 8 - Other Events

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On October 1, 2015, NewLink Genetics Corporation (the "Company") announced that the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority (BARDA) of the United States Department of Health and Human Services has exercised an \$18 million option on the Company's existing contract to support the scale-up of the manufacturing process relating to its investigational rVSV-EBOV (Ebola) vaccine candidate. The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

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Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit
NumberDescription99.1Press Release, dated October 1, 2015, entitled "NewLink Genetics Awarded \$18 Million Contract
Option from BARDA"

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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: October 1, 2015

NewLink Genetics Corporation

By: /s/ John B. Henneman III John B. Henneman III Its: Chief Financial Officer

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