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Award

## **Automated Slide Preparation System**

Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e1f9

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### **Section I: Contracting authority/entity**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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United Kingdom

**Region code**

UKD71 - East Merseyside

**NHS Organisation Data Service**

RBN

**Internet address(es)**

Main address

<https://www.merseywestlancs.nhs.uk/>

**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Health

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**Section II: Object**

**II.1) Scope of the procurement**

**II.1.1) Title**

Automated Slide Preparation System

Reference number

C339329

**II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

**II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

Provision of a fully automatic sectioning device that is capable of cutting paraffin blocks as well as delivering sections mounted on slides, registered, dried and ready for further analysis.

#### **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: £420,000

### **II.2) Description**

#### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UKD - North West (England)

#### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Provision of a fully automatic sectioning device that is capable of cutting paraffin blocks as well as delivering sections mounted on slides, registered, dried and ready for further analysis.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Price

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: No

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

The Trust intends to enter into a contract with Axlab Ltd for the provision of a fully automatic sectioning device that is capable of cutting paraffin blocks as well as delivering sections mounted on slides, registered, dried and ready for further analysis. The Trust believes there are no other suppliers able to offer this specialist equipment, the provision of which is unique and exclusive to Axlab Ltd, as the supplier of the equipment.

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section V. Award of contract/concession**

### **Contract No**

C339329

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

### **V.2) Award of contract/concession**

#### **V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract**

13 February 2025

#### **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**

AxLab Ltd

112c High Street, Hadleigh

Ipswich

IP7 5EL

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ - South East (England)

Companies House

14471643

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £420,000

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £420,000

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

Whiston Hospital, Warrington Road

Prescot

L35 5DR

Country

United Kingdom