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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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UKD71 - East Merseyside

NHS Organisation Data Service

RBN

Internet address(es)

Main address

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

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

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

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

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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