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Award

## **The automated system for the sectioning of wax tissue blocks**

The Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust

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

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

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Main address

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Buyer's address

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

**I.6) Main activity**

Other activity

Health

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## **Section II: Object**

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

#### **II.1.1) Title**

The automated system for the sectioning of wax tissue blocks

Reference number

BCPS\0226

#### **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 automated system for the sectioning of wax tissue blocks including mounting onto a glass slide for further staining a

#### **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: £1,498,660

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

#### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

- 85111800 - Pathology services
- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

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

NUTS codes

- UKG39 - Wolverhampton

Main site or place of performance

Pathology Department New Cross Hospital. Wolverhampton, WV10 0QP.

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

The Trust intends to enter into a contract with Axlabs Ltd for the provision of a fully automated system for the sectioning of wax tissue blocks including mounting onto glass slides and labeling the slides for further staining. The Trust believes there are no other suppliers able to offer this specialist equipment, the provision of which is unique and exclusive to Axlabs Ltd, as the supplier of the equipment.

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

Price

#### **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: No

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Trust intends to enter into a contract with Axlabs Ltd for the provision of a fully automated system for the sectioning of wax tissue blocks including mounting onto glass slides and labeling the slides for further staining. The Trust believes there are no other suppliers able to offer this specialist equipment, the provision of which is unique and exclusive to Axlabs Ltd, as the supplier of the equipment. The Trust will now observe a ten day standstill period starting 21/02/2025, The standstill period will end on the 03/03/2025. The contract will be entered into on the 04/03/2025.

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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 procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations.

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

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

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

21 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**

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[www.axlab.co.uk](http://www.axlab.co.uk)

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,498,660

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## Section VI. Complementary information

### VI.4) Procedures for review

#### VI.4.1) Review body

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