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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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I.6) Main activity

Other activity

Health

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

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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:

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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 observe a 10 day standstill period starting 21/02/2025. Ending on the 03/04/2025, The contract will be entered into on 04/03/2025

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: No

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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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

Total value of the contract/lot/concession: £1,498,660

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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