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Award

Lathe for Contact Lenses

MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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Scope

Description

The contact Lens service at Moorfields Eye Hospital is the largest hospital based medical contact lens service in the UK. 15,000 patients attend the contact lens service on an annual basis for medically necessary contact lenses. The contact lens manufacturing lab produced 2500 rigid gas permeable contact lenses and approximately 500 scleral lenses per annum, which provides our patients with sight correction that they would not have through any other means of correction. The quality of life impact on these patients is huge. The new lathe will allow a greater number of lens options to be manufactured in house thus reducing our external spend with other contact lens manufacturers thus offering not only excellent patient outcomes but cost efficiencies for the Trust.

Contract 1. Lathe for Contact Lenses

Supplier

- [DAC International, Inc.](#)

Contract value

- £362,000 excluding VAT
- £434,400 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

20 March 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 21 March 2025 to 20 March 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 42620000 - Lathes, boring and milling machine tools

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)
- UKD - North West (England)
- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber
- UKF - East Midlands (England)
- UKG - West Midlands (England)
- UKH - East of England
- UKI - London
- UKJ - South East (England)
- UKK - South West (England)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

This contract award is made under Regulation 41 of the Procurement Act 2023, which permits Direct Award without prior publication. The justification is based on an absence of competition for technical reasons, and there are no reasonable alternatives.

The solution from the winning supplier is the only available replacement to meet Moorfields' in-house production needs. With a 5mm excursion for complex designs, a side probe for precise alignment & space for all lens sizes, a laser engraver, edge-finishing tool, smart channel cutting for BostonSight scleral lenses & customised software to streamline production & minimise errors, it reduces reliance on external manufacturers.

Supplier

DAC International, Inc.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDRC-1659-DNPP

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United States

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Contracting authority

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Region: UKI43 - Haringey and Islington

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government