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## **Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Post-Warranty Maintenance of an Automated System for the Embedding of Tissue Samples in Paraffin Wax including Tracking, Transport and Storage and Retrieval of Wax Tissue Blocks**

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

ADD/PU/EW/25/33

### **Description**

Framework Call-Off for Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Post-Warranty Maintenance of an Automated System for the Embedding of Tissue Samples in Paraffin Wax including Tracking, Transport and Storage and Retrieval of Wax Tissue Blocks

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- Axlabs Ltd

### **Contract value**

- £1,900,000 excluding VAT
- £2,280,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

4 February 2026

### **Date assessment summaries were sent to tenderers**

4 February 2026

### **Standstill period**

- End: 13 February 2026
- 8 working days

## **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

16 February 2026

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2033
- Possible extension to 31 March 2036
- 10 years

Description of possible extension:

An option to extend for a period of further 3 years at the Authority's discretion

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **CPV classifications**

- 48921000 - Automation system

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## **Information about tenders**

- 1 tender received
- 1 tender assessed in the final stage:
  - 1 submitted by small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
  - 0 submitted by voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

- 1 supplier awarded contracts
- 0 suppliers unsuccessful (details included for contracts over £5 million)

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## Submission

### Submission type

Tenders

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## Procedure

### Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

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## Supplier

### Axlab Ltd

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112C High Street, Hadleigh

Suffolk

IP7 5EL

United Kingdom

Email: [matt.anderton@axlab.co.uk](mailto:matt.anderton@axlab.co.uk)

Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## **Contracting authority**

### **CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government