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Contract

Contract Details Notice for the Provision of Rainin Pipette Tips

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

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Notice identifier: 2025/S 000-011912

Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-04e7c5 ([view related notices](#))

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Scope

Reference

C333561

Description

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust has awarded a contract to Mettler-Toledo for the provision of Rainin Pipette Tips.

The LiteTouchSystem (LTS) tips are the only compatible tips recommended by Mettler-Toledo for their Rainin pipettes that have been previously procured. Alternatives have been reviewed previously however they have been found to be a substandard fit on the Rainin Pipettes. This would lead to inaccurate test results, assay failures and resulting in the cost and time wastage of diagnostic operation.

In addition, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust has been accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS) for performing at the laboratory process for which these pipettes are used. According to UKAS the tip designed and identified

specifically for the Rainin pipette should be used.

MFT has awarded a contract under The Procurement Act, section 41, schedule 5, paragraph 7 -

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(a) a change in supplier would result in the contracting authority receiving goods, services or works that are different from, or incompatible with, the existing goods, services or works, and

(b) the difference or incompatibility would result in disproportionate technical difficulties in operation or maintenance'.

The value of this Procurement is £718,169.19 excluding VAT.

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A Contract Award Notice was published on the Find a Tender Service on 10/03/2025.

Contract 1. Rainin Pipette Tips

Supplier

- [Mettler Toledo](#)

Contract value

- £718,196.19 excluding VAT

- £861,865.43 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Date signed

27 March 2025

Contract dates

- 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Possible extension to 1 April 2028
- 3 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust may extend the contract for up to 24 months in 12 month increments.

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38437110 - Pipette tips

Contract locations

- UKD33 - Manchester

Justification for not setting key performance indicators

Contract value is lower than £5 million including VAT

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement

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Mettler Toledo

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVDX-8132-TRMG

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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Contracting authority

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

- NHS Organisation Data Service: R0A
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXQG-2592-VYYY

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government