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Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Post-Warranty Maintenance of an Ultramicrotome for Histopathology

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

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Section I: Contracting authority/entity

I.1) Name and addresses

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I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Health

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Post-Warranty Maintenance of an Ultramicrotome for Histopathology

Reference number

ADD/PU/EW/24/14

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

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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: £130,000

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKH12 - Cambridgeshire CC

Main site or place of performance

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Cambridge

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

The Transmission Electron Microscope service processes approximately 900 cases per year and acts as a regional and supra-regional service for nephrology, in particular glomerulonephritis, and muscle diseases. CUH is currently in the process of tendering for a replacement of digital Transmission Electron Microscope and intends to replace the existing ultramicrotome to complement the new digital technology. The ultramicrotome must fulfil the following essential requirements:

- The ultramicrotome must include a microscope with 0.8 x objective lens microscope and consist of a base unit with a motorised segment arc and knife block, camera, control and processing unit. In addition, a stereo microscope must be mounted onto the base unit.
- The system should supply a dedicated 35° Ultra 3.0mm Auto Knife.
- The system shall be provided with instrument table, active damping plate and antistatic device.
- There must be an appropriate control and processing unit with associated software to allow for ease of use and user specific settings in routine operation.
- The control unit must consist of a capacitive touch panel with interactive and

configurable screen and optional camera integration, an ergonomic design with intuitive push button control of key parameters for sectioning, a swipe function for task specific display configuration, an infrared mouse and USB connections.

The system must also provide the following essential functionalities:

- Auto alignment of the block face and knife which can reduce the loss of precious material and shorten user training time. The ultramicrotome should be able to provide high precision in aligning block face and knife via motorized controls of segment arc and knife block that ensures both knife and sample are safe.
- Automated trimming mode which allows users to trim the entire sample block face in a single run. Sample with parallel edges can be trimmed in short time and the potential damage to the block face can be minimized.
- Enable targeted trimming of fluorescent regions of interest by using a mirror.
- Consist of a cutting speed of up to 100 mm/s.
- Consist of a specimen arm advance of up to 2500 nm with the knife stage.
- Include a touchscreen system control through a user-friendly graphical user interface.
- Offer upgradable software packages that allow to adapt the ultramicrotome configuration to specific application needs.

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

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Negotiated without a prior call for competition

- The products involved are manufactured purely for the purpose of research, experiment, study or development
- The works, supplies or services can be provided only by a particular economic operator for the following reason:
 - absence of competition for technical reasons

Explanation:

The Trust believes that only the UC Enuity – Advanced Instrument M80 from Leica Microsystems contains and complies with all of the essential requirements and functionalities described at II.2.4 above.

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

Contract No

ADD/PU/EW/24/14

Title

Supply, Delivery, Installation, Commissioning and Post-Warranty Maintenance of an Ultramicrotome for Histopathology

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract/concession

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

21 August 2024

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

Leica Microsystems (UK) Limited

Larch House, Woodlands Business Park, Breckland

Milton Keynes

MK14 6FG

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKJ12 - Milton Keynes

The contractor/concessionaire is an SME

No

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

Lowest offer: £130,000 / Highest offer: £130,000 taken into consideration

V.2.5) Information about subcontracting

The contract/lot/concession is likely to be subcontracted

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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