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Award

Pathology Histology Mordenisation & Automation Microtone

EAST SUSSEX HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST

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Scope

Reference

ES/25/1459

Description

Purchase of Fully Automated Microtome for sectioning of wax tissue blocks, mounting onto glass slide for staining.

Contract 1. Pathology Histology Mordenisation & Automation

Microtone

Supplier

- AXLAB LIMITED

Contract value

- £995,000 excluding VAT
- £1,194,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

15 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 20 October 2025 to 19 October 2032
- Possible extension to 19 October 2033
- 8 years

Description of possible extension:

1 x 12 months

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33910000 - Pathology dissection instruments and supplies

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)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The trust believes there are no other suppliers able to supply this equipment. The provision of which is unique and exclusive to Axlabs Ltd, the sole supplier of the equipment.

Supplier

AXLAB LIMITED

- Companies House: 14471643
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQNY-4448-MDCV

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Ipswich

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United Kingdom

Email: order@axlab.co.uk

Website: <http://www.axlab.co.uk>

Region: UKH14 - Suffolk

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

EAST SUSSEX HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RXC
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PYLX-2324-XVVV

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St Leonards on Sea

TN37 7PT

United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government