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Award

Automated Slide Preparation System

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

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Scope

Reference

C384954

Description

As part of Nottingham University Hospitals' commitment to delivering world-class diagnostic services, we are introducing two Automated Slide Preparation Systems into the histopathology laboratory. This installation directly supports NUH's strategic aim to Standardise, Centralise and Digitise the diagnostic services. This procurement also aligns with the NHS England's 6-point plan for transforming pathology services.

Contract 1

Supplier

- AXLAB LIMITED

Contract value

- £830,000 excluding VAT
- £996,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

31 October 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 3 November 2025 to 31 March 2026
- 4 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 38000000 - Laboratory, optical and precision equipments (excl. glasses)

Contract locations

- UKF14 - Nottingham

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

Single supplier - technical reasons

The system being procured is the only fully automated tissue embedding system available which is essential to eliminate manual embedding and ensuring consistency at very high throughput levels for the histopathology department.

Supplier

AXLAB LIMITED

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- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PQNY-4448-MDCV

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Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

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Contracting authority

NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS NHS TRUST

- NHS Organisation Data Service: RX1
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVQC-9261-WGRM

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Organisation type: Public authority - central government