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Contract

Pathology Histology Modernisation & Automation Microtone

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

F03: Contract award notice

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Procurement identifier (OCID): ocds-h6vhtk-05dbc2

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

729 The Ridge

St Leonards on Sea

TN37 7PT

Contact

Procurement

Email

esht.procurement@nhs.net

Country

United Kingdom

Region code

UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Internet address(es)

Main address

<https://www.esht.nhs.uk/>

Buyer's address

<https://www.esht.nhs.uk/>

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

Pathology Histology Modernisation & Automation Microtone

Reference number

ES/25/1459

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

Histology Modernisation – Purchase of Fully Automated Microtome and 7 year Maintenance

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: £903,057.60

II.2) Description

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

Main site or place of performance

EAST SUSSEX HEALTHCARE NHS TRUST

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Histology Modernisation – Purchase of Fully Automated Microtome and 7 year Maintenance

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price

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

II.2.14) Additional information

7 Year maintenance to commence once the manufacturers warranty ends.

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Award of a contract without prior publication of a call for competition in the cases listed below

- The procurement falls outside the scope of application of the regulations

Explanation:

AxLabs is the sole supplier of the equipment that required. They are not currently on a national framework. Pricing for this equipment has been negotiated nationally by NHS England, ensuring value for money and consistency across trusts participating.

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

Section V. Award of contract

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

23 October 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 1

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

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112C High Street Hadleigh

Ipswich

IP7 5EL

Telephone

+44 2039960800

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UKH14 - Suffolk

National registration number

14471643

Internet address

www.axlab.co.uk

The contractor is an SME

Yes

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

Initial estimated total value of the contract/lot: £903,057.60

Lowest offer: £903,057.60 / Highest offer: £903,057.60 taken into consideration

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

ESHT

District General Hospital

Eastbourne

Bn21 2ud

Country

United Kingdom

VI.4.2) Body responsible for mediation procedures

Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution

70 Fleet Street

London

EC4Y 1EU

Email

info@cedr.com

Country

United Kingdom

Internet address

<https://www.cedr.com/>