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Award

Electronic Test Requesting Bags and Labels

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

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Scope

Reference

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Description

Cardiff and Vale University Health board intends to award a contract for the supply of Electronic Test Requesting Bags and Labels to support the GP Test Requesting and Results Reporting Service, which is integrated with TrakCare LIMS. These products are essential for pathology specimen handling and continuity of service across the Health Board. The award will be made to Jones & Brooks Limited as a direct award under the Procurement Act 2023 due to the supplier's unique ability to meet the Health's Board technical and operational requirements without disruption to patient care.

Contract 1. Electronic Test Requesting Bags and Labels

Supplier

- Jones & Brooks, Limited

Contract value

- £162,367.41 excluding VAT
- £194,840.89 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

17 December 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 December 2025 to 17 December 2028
- 3 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 33141610 - Collection bag

Contract locations

- UKL1 - West Wales and the Valleys

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 Health Board requires continuity of supply for Electronic Test Requesting Bags and Labels, which are critical to the GP service integrated with TrakCare LIMS. These products are essential for safe and efficient specimen handling across multiple clinical areas.

Jones & Brookes Limited is the incumbent supplier whose products have been fully evaluated and approved for compliance with Health Board standards. No alternative supplier can meet the technical specifications, integration requirements, and operational standards without significant risk to patient care and service continuity.

Changing supplier would require revalidation of products, system integration checks, and clinical sign-off, which would introduce delays and operational risk. Therefore, a direct award under the Procurement Act 2023 is justified to maintain service continuity and patient safety.

Supplier

Jones & Brooks, Limited

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHQJ-8923-BNJD

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Lancashire

OL16 2SH

United Kingdom

Email: enquiries@jones-brooks.co.uk

Region: UKD37 - Greater Manchester North East

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1. Electronic Test Requesting Bags and Labels

Contracting authority

Cardiff and Vale University Health Board

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PPPR-7969-BTJG

Woodland House Maes Y Coed Road

Cardiff

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Website: <http://nwssp.nhs.wales/ourservices/procurement-services/>

Region: UKL22 - Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

Devolved regulations that apply: Wales

Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust)

Summary of their role in this procurement: The NHS Wales Shared Services Partnership (NWSSP) plays a vital role in supporting NHS Wales by delivering a wide range of professional, technical, and administrative services. It is hosted by Velindre University NHS Trust, which means Velindre provides the governance and infrastructure to support NWSSP's operations, but NWSSP itself serves all NHS organisations across Wales.

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXWV-6492-CGMN

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Region: UKL15 - Central Valleys

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