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## **STA-26020b Provision of a Managed Network Service for the CoSTAR National Lab**

Royal Holloway and Bedford New College

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

STA-26020

### **Description**

Provision of a Managed Network Service for the CoSTAR National Lab.

The service includes the design, build, configuration, and installation of all required network hardware, covering core, aggregation, access switching, firewall, internet edge, and Wi-Fi components.

Implementation will need to include installation and patching, commissioning, integration with partner systems, and final testing, user acceptance testing, and handover.

Ongoing network management will include monitoring and management of all routers, switches, internet bandwidth, and managed security services.

Network provision scope to include Core Redundancy and design changes to reduce the

risk of workflow disruption. This will involve adding additional network equipment and routing licenses across all devices to enable VXLAN to improve local traffic efficiency for high-bandwidth devices and support media workflow integration for multicast traffic.

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## **Contract 1**

### **Supplier**

- Sohonet Limited

### **Contract value**

- £596,219.71 excluding VAT
- £715,463.65 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Award decision date**

14 January 2026

### **Earliest date the contract will be signed**

28 January 2026

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 February 2026 to 31 March 2029
- 3 years, 2 months

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

There may be a need for some additional equipment and license during the contract period if required.

## **CPV classifications**

- 72400000 - Internet services
- 72700000 - Computer network services

## **Contract locations**

- UKJ2 - Surrey, East and West Sussex

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Direct award

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## Supplier

### Sohonet Limited

- Companies House: 03132110

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Email: [creditcontrol@sohonet.com](mailto:creditcontrol@sohonet.com)

Region: UKI32 - Westminster

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): No

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Supported employment provider: No

Public service mutual: No

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## Contracting authority

## **Royal Holloway and Bedford New College**

- Companies House: RC000823
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PRVY-6462-QBVG

Royal Holloway University of London, Egham Hill

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United Kingdom

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government