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Tender

Software License Resellers Agreement (SLRA)

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

F02: Contract notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/86623>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.3) Communication

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=90594&B=SUPC

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=90594&B=SUPC

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted to the above-mentioned address

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Body governed by public law

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Software License Resellers Agreement (SLRA)

Reference number

ITS4052SU

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

This Framework provides individual software licences for Microsoft, Adobe, VMware, other Commercial Off-The-Shelf (COTS) software products and associated Software Services. The Framework Agreement aims to ensure access to competitively priced software solutions and related services tailored to the unique needs of the Higher Education (HE) and Further Education (FE) sectors, whilst making provision for non-HE and FE Members of SUPC and Participating Consortia

II.1.5) Estimated total value

Value excluding VAT: £990,000,000

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Software License Resellers Agreement (SLRA) (1)

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48300000 - Document creation, drawing, imaging, scheduling and productivity software package
- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48500000 - Communication and multimedia software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 48700000 - Software package utilities
- 48800000 - Information systems and servers
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot involves the provision of all Microsoft software, licences, support, maintenance, renewals, and any related services, including consultancy specific to Microsoft products to Members

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £400,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 12

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Adobe ETLA

Lot No

2a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48300000 - Document creation, drawing, imaging, scheduling and productivity software package
- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48500000 - Communication and multimedia software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 48700000 - Software package utilities
- 48800000 - Information systems and servers
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Sub-Lot 2a relates to Adobe software products aligned with ETLA agreements, including site licences, multi-site licences, and unlimited licences.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £100,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Adobe VIP/CLP

Lot No

2b

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48300000 - Document creation, drawing, imaging, scheduling and productivity software package
- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48500000 - Communication and multimedia software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 48700000 - Software package utilities
- 48800000 - Information systems and servers
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Sub-Lot 2b encompasses Adobe CLP Agreements (perpetual licences and optional upgrade protection), VIP Agreements (named user/device subscription licences), and other Adobe products.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement

documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

VMWare

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48300000 - Document creation, drawing, imaging, scheduling and productivity software package
- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48500000 - Communication and multimedia software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
- 48700000 - Software package utilities
- 48800000 - Information systems and servers
- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot includes VMware software, licences, support, maintenance, renewals, and related services, including VMware-specific consultancy.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £40,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Commercial Off The Shelf software (COTS)

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
- 48300000 - Document creation, drawing, imaging, scheduling and productivity software package
- 48400000 - Business transaction and personal business software package
- 48500000 - Communication and multimedia software package
- 48600000 - Database and operating software package
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- 48900000 - Miscellaneous software package and computer systems

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

This lot involves the sourcing and provision of various software solutions, licenses, and related services, including comprehensive support and license renewals.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £300,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.9) Information about the limits on the number of candidates to be invited

Envisaged number of candidates: 12

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Software Asset Management

Lot No

5a

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Software Asset Management (SAM) to include tracking and managing software licenses to ensure compliance and optimise costs

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

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Envisaged number of candidates: 12

II.2.10) Information about variants

Variants will be accepted: No

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Cloud Readiness Assessments

Lot No

5b

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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cloud Readiness Assessments and other related Services to include the evaluations of an organisation's readiness to transition to cloud infrastructure

II.2.5) Award criteria

Price is not the only award criterion and all criteria are stated only in the procurement

documents

II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

Duration in months

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Options: Yes

Description of options

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II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues

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II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

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Identification of the project

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Cyber Security Assessment Services

Lot No

5c

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- 48300000 - Document creation, drawing, imaging, scheduling and productivity software package
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II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Cyber Security Assessment Services that provides in-depth evaluations of the member's security provisions, ensuring that they provide effective protection against cyber threats and compliant with industry regulations. This sub-lot encompasses a range of critical

security services designed to strengthen both on-premise and cloud-based environments

II.2.5) Award criteria

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II.2.6) Estimated value

Value excluding VAT: £50,000,000

II.2.7) Duration of the contract, framework agreement or dynamic purchasing system

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Section III. Legal, economic, financial and technical information

III.1) Conditions for participation

III.1.2) Economic and financial standing

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

III.1.3) Technical and professional ability

Selection criteria as stated in the procurement documents

Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Restricted procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

Framework agreement with several operators

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 62

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

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.2) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate

Date

24 March 2025

Local time

12:00pm

IV.2.3) Estimated date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates

5 May 2025

IV.2.4) Languages in which tenders or requests to participate may be submitted

English

IV.2.6) Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender

Tender must be valid until: 20 February 2026

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.1) Information about recurrence

This is a recurrent procurement: No

VI.2) Information about electronic workflows

Electronic ordering will be used

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

Electronic payment will be used

VI.3) Additional information

The following CPV Codes may also be applicable

72000000

- IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

72260000

- Software-related services

72261000

- Software support services

72262000

- Software development services

72263000

- Software implementation services

72264000

- Software reproduction services

72265000

- Software configuration services

72266000

- Software consultancy services

72267000

- Software maintenance and repair services

72268000

- Software supply services

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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