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## **Software License Resellers Agreement (SLRA)**

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

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### **Section I: Contracting authority**

#### **I.1) Name and addresses**

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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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111357

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Main address

<https://www.supc.ac.uk>

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](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

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**I.4) Type of the contracting authority**

Body governed by public law

**I.5) Main activity**

Education

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## **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
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### **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



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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**

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
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### **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**

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**

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

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#### **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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- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
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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



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**II.2.6) Estimated value**

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## **II.2) Description**

### **II.2.1) Title**

Cyber Security Assessment Services

Lot No

5c

### **II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)**

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- 48200000 - Networking, Internet and intranet software package
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- 48600000 - Database and operating 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**

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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

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## **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

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## **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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