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Tender

CPC/RB/01/2025 - Software Licences & Associated Services for Academies and Schools

Crescent Purchasing Consortium Limited

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Scope

Reference

CA17094

Description

The CPC intends to establish a multi supplier framework agreement under the Procurement Act 2023 for the supply of software licences, renewals, upgrades, support, and associated professional services on behalf of its members.

The framework will be divided into the following lots: Lot 1 Microsoft; Lot 2 Adobe; Lot 3 Google for Education and Chrome OS; Lot 4 Data Security, Backup and Recovery (excluding Microsoft, Adobe, Google and Chrome software); Lot 5 Other off the shelf software, including educational software; Lot 6 Multi purpose lot covering Lots 1–5.

The framework will be open to current and future CPC member institutions across the UK (<https://www.thecpc.ac.uk/members>), including eligible organisations registered on the UK Register of Learning Providers with a valid UKPRN (<https://www.ukrlp.co.uk/>). Local Authorities joining CPC may also access the framework when procuring on behalf of

educational establishments (<https://www.local.gov.uk/>).

Total value (estimated)

- £12,000,000 excluding VAT
- £14,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 7 June 2026 to 6 June 2028
- Possible extension to 6 June 2030
- 4 years

Description of possible extension:

Extensions allowed: Yes (2 x 12 months)

Main procurement category

Goods

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Not the same for all lots

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

Lot 1. Microsoft

Description

This lot includes but is not limited to the following:

The initial supply and renewal of all current and future Microsoft software products including but not limited to Microsoft 365, Office 365, Enterprise Mobility and Security, Windows, Microsoft Dynamics 365, Microsoft 365 Backup and Advanced Threat Protection and Azure

Agreement types including but not limited to:

- Microsoft Enterprise Education Subscription (EES) Agreement / Campus Agreements
- Select Plus Agreements
- Open Value Subscription Agreements (OVS)
- Cloud Solution Provider (CSP) including perpetual software
- and any future Microsoft Agreement types

Lot value (estimated)

- £6,000,000 excluding VAT
- £7,200,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 48315000 - Desktop-publishing software package
- 48991000 - Spreadsheet software package
- 72212300 - Document creation, drawing, imaging, scheduling and productivity software development services
- 48310000 - Document creation software package
- 48422000 - Software package suites
- 48317000 - Word-processing software package

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Adobe

Description

This lot includes but is not limited to the following:

The initial supply and renewal of all current and future Adobe software products including but not limited to VIP Creative Cloud, Acrobat Document Cloud and Services, Adobe Captivate, Presenter Video Express, Adobe Presenter, Adobe Dimension, Framemaker, Robohelp, Adobe Technical Communication Suite.

Agreement types including but not limited to:

- Enterprise Term License Agreements (ETLA) including Site Licenses, Multi-Site Licenses or Unlimited Licenses
- Cumulative Licensing Program (CLP) Agreements (perpetual licenses)
- Transactional Licensing Program (TLP)

- VIP Agreements (for named user/device licenses)
- and any future Adobe Agreement types

Lot value (estimated)

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 48224000 - Web page editing software package
- 48422000 - Software package suites

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Google for Education and Chrome OS

Description

This lot includes but is not limited to the following:

- The initial supply and renewal of all current and future Google software products including but not limited to Google Workspace software ranges, Google Meet Hardware Licenses, Google Voice, Digital signage software with Firestick, Google Workspace, Data Security, Backup and Recovery Software, Google integration software and Chrome Operating Systems.

Lot value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 48422000 - Software package suites

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 4. Data Security, Backup and Recovery (excluding Microsoft, Adobe, Google and Chrome Software)

Description

This lot includes but is not limited to the following:

The initial supply and renewal of all current and future Data Security, Backup and Recovery software for business continuity including but not limited to Absolute Software, Acronis, Arc Serve, Commvault, COMODO, Datto, Eset, F5, Forcepoint, FortiGate, Panda Security, Solar Winds, Sonicwall, Sophos, Trend, Veeam and other Data Security, Backup and Recovery software.

Lot value (estimated)

- £3,000,000 excluding VAT
- £3,600,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 48987000 - Debugging software package
- 48732000 - Data security software package
- 48422000 - Software package suites

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 5. Other Off the Shelf Software including Educational Software

Description

This lot includes but is not limited to the following:

The initial supply and renewal of all current and future software covering but not limited to music and film editing software, speech recognition software, other educational learning and resource packages including but not limited to similarity detection software, subject specific software and multi disciplines, packages for students, teachers and parents including any mobile applications, learning journals, records and ePortfolio software. AI/BI, software, development software, design and graphics software. Mobile Device / Enterprise Management Software. Virtualisation and cloud computing software and Integration software.

Lot value (estimated)

- £200,000 excluding VAT
- £240,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 48422000 - Software package suites

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 6. Multi-Purpose Lot (For Lots 1-5)

Description

Lot 6 covers all the requirements detailed under lots 1-5 as above and is aimed at Members whose requirements covers more than two lots.

Members may use lot 6 for such requirements or split their requirements and go out under the relevant lots as per their requirement.

Lot value (estimated)

- £300,000 excluding VAT
- £360,000 including VAT

CPV classifications

- 48316000 - Presentation software package
- 48221000 - Internet browsing software package
- 48318000 - Scanner software package
- 48317000 - Word-processing software package

- 48315000 - Desktop-publishing software package
- 48422000 - Software package suites

Same for all lots

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Microsoft

Lot 2. Adobe

Lot 3. Google for Education and Chrome OS

Lot 4. Data Security, Backup and Recovery (excluding Microsoft, Adobe, Google and Chrome Software)

Lot 5. Other Off the Shelf Software including Educational Software

Lot 6. Multi-Purpose Lot (For Lots 1-5)

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 February 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

3 March 2026, 1:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

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Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

7 June 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Pricing	Pricing	Price	50.00%
Quality	Quality	Quality	50.00%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Contracting authority

Crescent Purchasing Consortium Limited

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