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Tender

Provision of SQE 1 & 2 Management and Support

University of Portsmouth Higher Education Corporation

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Scope

Reference

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Description

The University of Portsmouth is seeking to appoint a supplier under a licensing arrangement to provide SQE1 and SQE2 preparation services, including teaching and learning materials and academic tutor support, to support learners in preparing for and succeeding in the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE).

The services shall include comprehensive SQE1 and SQE2 learning materials, structured to support independent and guided study, together with dedicated academic tutor support for SQE1 and SQE2 candidates. The provision shall include assessment-focused materials designed to simulate SQE assessment formats and conditions, together with the provision of formative and diagnostic feedback tailored to individual learner performance.

The learning materials and tutor support will be embedded within modules delivered as part of the University of Portsmouth's LLM Professional Legal Practice programme. Delivery will be complemented by academic and pastoral support provided by University

of Portsmouth staff.

There is a possibility of inclusion of part time courses being offered during the contract term depending on uptake.

Total value (estimated)

- £600,000 excluding VAT
- £720,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2026 to 30 September 2028
- Possible extension to 30 September 2030
- 4 years, 5 months

Description of possible extension:

Extensions can be used on a 1+1 basis for continuation of provision

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 80300000 - Higher education services
- 80420000 - E-learning services

- 80430000 - Adult-education services at university level
- 80510000 - Specialist training services
- 80530000 - Vocational training services
- 80590000 - Tutorial services

Contract locations

- UKJ31 - Portsmouth

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

All suppliers must be registered on the Central Digital Platform.

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 February 2026, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

6 March 2026, 2:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/he/asp/Home>

Suppliers will need to register on the In Tend portal to submit a tender response.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

1 April 2026

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type
Price per Quality Point	Price is not the only award criteria - suppliers will need to complete qualitative questions in evaluation.	Price

Weighting description

The Evaluation process will be based on a price per quality point evaluation model, full details are available on the published tender documentation.

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

The contract is for the introduction of SQE 1 & 2 supplementary management and support being offered from the University from 2026, the contract value has been based on forecast of numbers of students. Uptake may be greater than expected and therefore the contract value may increase throughout the term.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government