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Tender

Infrastructure & End User Computing Refresh

East Durham College

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Scope

Reference

EDC/IT/2526

Description

As part of this procurement, suppliers are requested to provide a comprehensive financial proposal for the full list of equipment outlined in this tender, based on a three (3) year lease agreement.

The proposal must include a monthly payment profile covering the entire lease period, with all costs-such as hardware, warranty, support, and any associated service fees-fully itemised and included in the monthly figure.

At the conclusion of the 36 month lease term, the organisation must retain full ownership of all supplied equipment, with no residual or balloon payment due.

Suppliers should ensure that their lease offering is compliant with public sector procurement standards and includes clear terms regarding early termination, replacement of faulty equipment, and continuity of warranty throughout the full lease duration.

This tender invites suppliers to provide, deliver, complete infrastructure and end user computing refresh, encompassing virtualisation servers, core network switching, and a range of desktop, laptop, and all in one devices.

The solution must deliver a resilient and secure platform capable of supporting modern workloads and organisational operational needs. All server hardware must include a minimum of four (4) years advanced parts replacement warranty, while all end user computing devices must include a minimum of one (1) year warranty.

To comply with the organisation's security standards, all supplied systems must incorporate Trusted Platform Module (TPM) technology to support hardware rooted security functions and secure device management.

In line with sustainability objectives, suppliers must ensure that all hardware is delivered using reduced or recyclable packaging, and sustainable procurement.

Total value (estimated)

- £250,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 6 April 2026 to 31 March 2029

- 2 years, 11 months, 25 days

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 30200000 - Computer equipment and supplies

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

We would prefer to award the same supplier for both lots but understand not all suppliers can provide all of the equipment specified - we would like to attract a greater range of suppliers and willing to split the equipment into 2 lots :-

1 - Computer Hardware

2 - Servers

Lot 1. Computer Hardware

Description

As part of this procurement, suppliers are requested to provide a comprehensive financial proposal for the full list of equipment outlined in this tender, based on a three (3) year lease agreement as per the specification. Or By Lot (1) Computer Hardware (2) Servers

Computer Hardware

24" AIO PCs (Quantity: 135)

- Built in webcam

- Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5

- 16GB RAM

- 500GB M.2 NVMe

- WiFi + Bluetooth

- 1Gb Network

- Wired Keyboard and Mouse

15" Laptops (Quantity: 100)

- Intel i5 or AMD Ryzen 5

- 16GB RAM

- 500GB M.2 NVMe

- WiFi + Bluetooth

- 1Gb Network

- Built in Webcam

- Laptop Bag

Standard Laptops (Quantity: 185)

- Intel N100

- 8GB RAM

- 256GB SSD

- Built in Webcam

Flip Laptops (Quantity: 3)

- Intel Ultra 5 226v

- 14 Multitouch Display

- 16GB LPDDR5

- 512GB NVMe

- WiFi + Bluetooth

- Rechargeable Pen

Lot value (estimated)

- £130,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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

Lot 2. Servers

Description

As part of this procurement, suppliers are requested to provide a comprehensive financial proposal for the full list of equipment outlined in this tender, based on a three (3) year lease agreement as per the specification. Or By Lot (1) Computer Hardware (2) Servers

The proposed solution is a four-node Hyper-V failover cluster designed for resilient virtualisation and Storage Spaces Direct (S2D). Each 2U node shall be equipped with a 32-core processor, 512GB DDR4 ECC memory, enterprise NVMe storage, and dual redundant hot swap power supplies. A dedicated 25GbE RDMA storage fabric shall be provided using Intel E810 based adapters and a 25GbE Top of Rack switch with 24×25Gb SFP28 ports and 4×100Gb QSFP28 uplinks, supporting modern L3 features such as MLAG and EVPN VXLAN, and not requiring any feature licensing.

The selected FS S5850-24B4C switch meets these requirements with native 25Gb SFP28 connectivity and enterprise feature support for the cluster fabric. Client facing connectivity shall be delivered via dual port 10GbE adapters per host. Cluster storage shall be

delivered using 7.68TB NVMe U.2 SSDs per node, enabling a minimum of 40TB usable capacity across the four-node cluster when deployed with appropriate S2D configurations.

Lot value (estimated)

- £120,000 including VAT

Same for all lots

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Participation

Particular suitability

Lot 1. Computer Hardware

Lot 2. Servers

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 March 2026, 11:59pm

Tender submission deadline

26 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Please submit all tenders to:-

joanne.wilson@eastdurham.a.cuk

Procurement@eastdurham.ac.uk

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

29 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Price	Price	60%
Quality	Quality	40%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

ITT IT Hardware.pdf

Contracting authority

East Durham College

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10002111

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXPM-1872-RCYW

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