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## **HENSS2**

NEUPC Ltd

APUC (Advanced Procurement for Universities & Colleges)

HEPCW (Higher Education Purchasing Consortium, Wales)

LUPC (London Universities Purchasing Consortium)

NWUPC (North West Universities Purchasing Consortium)

SUPC (Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium)

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## **Section I: Contracting authority**

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

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<https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/how-to-become-a-supplier-to-nwupc>

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**I.2) Information about joint procurement**

The contract involves 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://neupc.delta-esourcing.com/>

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

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

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## **Section II: Object**

### **II.1) Scope of the procurement**

#### **II.1.1) Title**

HENSS2

Reference number

ITS2008NE

#### **II.1.2) Main CPV code**

- 32400000 - Networks

#### **II.1.3) Type of contract**

Supplies

#### **II.1.4) Short description**

North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium Ltd (NEUPC) is one of six UK Higher Education purchasing consortia established to deliver and manage a wide range of

collaborative framework agreements designed to maximise third party expenditure within the higher education sector. NEUPC wishes to develop a national framework agreement to service the requirements of UK Higher Education Institutions and Associate members for the supply of Networking Equipment and Services through a framework for Higher Education Networking equipment and services, for the supply, installation, storage, maintenance, and repair of Networking Equipment and Networking Consultancy provision. This framework will consist of 4 lots to provide a complete provision of network equipment only (lot 1), network equipment and services (lots 2 and 3) and Independent Consultancy only (lot 4).

### **II.1.5) Estimated total value**

Value excluding VAT: £55,000,000

### **II.1.6) Information about lots**

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

The contracting authority reserves the right to award contracts combining the following lots or groups of lots:

Bidders who choose to bid for any or all of Lots 1 to 3 may be awarded on any or all of Lots 1 to 3 inclusive if successful, but not Lot 4. Bidders who choose to bid for Lot4, may not be awarded on any or all of Lots 1 to 3 inclusive.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Networking Equipment Supply Only

Lot No

1

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

- 30237110 - Network interfaces
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 30237135 - Network interfaces cards

- 32400000 - Networks
- 32410000 - Local area network
- 32412110 - Internet network
- 32412120 - Intranet network
- 32413100 - Network routers
- 32415000 - Ethernet network
- 32421000 - Network cabling
- 32422000 - Network components
- 32423000 - Network hubs
- 32424000 - Network infrastructure
- 32427000 - Network system
- 32428000 - Network upgrade
- 32430000 - Wide area network

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Supply of equipment (and associated licences) to be installed by Institution, lease option included. Includes warranty support only. Including Gateways, Routers, Switches, Bridges, Hubs, Repeaters, Multilayer switches, Bridge Routers, Proxy Servers, Firewalls, Network address translator, ISDN terminal adapter, network interface controller, wireless network interface controller, network monitoring systems, CWDM optical platforms, DWDM optical platforms, IP Video Products, IP Security Systems, Wireless Client Adapters and Protocol Converters and Ethernet adaptors. This list is not exhaustive, all wired and wireless networking equipment is included within the remit. This agreement will be open to universities and their partners regardless of whether or not they are to be defined as contracting authorities for the purpose of the PCR 2015. It is anticipated that some of the future call off contracts under this framework may be part funded from

external streams, including European Union ( EU) funding and (ERDF/ESF) and potentially other research bodies. All funding assessed under this framework will be considered compliant for the purposes of external funding by the named participants.

#### **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: £20,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 10

Maximum number: 14

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Objective criteria is Included within the tender documentation. It is envisaged that a maximum of nine suppliers will be awarded to each lot (Lots 1-3). A maximum of fourteen suppliers will be invited to tender for each lot at ITT (Lots 1-3). Refer to ITT documents.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend the Contract for up-to two periods of 12 months each. The Maximum Contract length is 48 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

Call offs may involve the use of EU or Research grant funding including but not limited to ERDF or ESIF funding.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

To respond to this opportunity please click here: <https://neupc.delta-sourcing.com/respond/2V4R37774Q>

## **II.2) Description**

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

Routine / Low value Networking Projects.

Lot No

2

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

- 32400000 - Networks
- 72700000 - Computer network services
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 30237110 - Network interfaces
- 30237135 - Network interfaces cards
- 32410000 - Local area network

- 32412110 - Internet network
- 32412120 - Intranet network
- 32413100 - Network routers
- 32415000 - Ethernet network
- 32421000 - Network cabling
- 32422000 - Network components
- 32423000 - Network hubs
- 32424000 - Network infrastructure
- 32427000 - Network system
- 32428000 - Network upgrade
- 32430000 - Wide area network
- 48219000 - Miscellaneous networking software package
- 50312300 - Maintenance and repair of data network equipment
- 50312320 - Repair of data network equipment
- 72710000 - Local area network services
- 72720000 - Wide area network services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Routine / Low value Networking Projects, covering any aspects of Networking equipment and services in any combination, including equipment provision, design, storage, implementation, maintenance, training, through to final disposal. No Managed Service option . No lease option. Projects up-to £150,000. This list is not exhaustive.

### **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: £10,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 10

Maximum number: 14

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Objective criteria is Included within the tender documentation. It is envisaged that a maximum of nine suppliers will be awarded to each lot (Lots 1-3). A maximum of fourteen suppliers will be invited to tender for each lot at ITT (Lots 1-3). Refer to ITT documents.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend the Contract for up-to two periods of 12 months each. The Maximum Contract length is 48 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

Call offs may involve the use of EU or Research grant funding including but not limited to ERDF or ESIF funding.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Procurement will be conducted via the Delta e-sourcing portal on the notice link. Under no circumstances shall NEUPC incur any liability in respect of this ITT or any supporting documentation. NEUPC reserves the right to not proceed to Contract, or to cancel the Tender and will incur no Liability in doing so.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Core Networking Projects.

Lot No

3

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

- 32400000 - Networks
- 72700000 - Computer network services
- 32420000 - Network equipment
- 30237110 - Network interfaces
- 30237135 - Network interfaces cards
- 32410000 - Local area network
- 32412110 - Internet network

- 32412120 - Intranet network
- 32413100 - Network routers
- 32415000 - Ethernet network
- 32421000 - Network cabling
- 32422000 - Network components
- 32423000 - Network hubs
- 32424000 - Network infrastructure
- 32427000 - Network system
- 32428000 - Network upgrade
- 32430000 - Wide area network
- 48219000 - Miscellaneous networking software package
- 50312300 - Maintenance and repair of data network equipment
- 50312320 - Repair of data network equipment
- 72710000 - Local area network services
- 72720000 - Wide area network services

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

Covering any or all aspects of Networking in any combination, including equipment, design, storage, implementation, maintenance, training, Managed Service option (network maintenance, monitoring of attached network devices, monthly status reporting, implementation of upgrades/patches and user administration of both current and newly procured Infrastructure), through to final disposal. Projects over £150,000. Lease option on equipment. This list is not exhaustive.

### **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: £24,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 10

Maximum number: 14

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Objective criteria is Included within the tender documentation. It is envisaged that a maximum of nine suppliers will be awarded to each lot (Lots 1-3). A maximum of fourteen suppliers will be invited to tender for each lot at ITT (Lots 1-3). Refer to ITT documents.

### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend the Contract for up-to two periods of 12 months each. The Maximum Contract length is 48 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

Call offs may involve the use of EU or Research grant funding including but not limited to ERDF or ESIF funding.

### **II.2.14) Additional information**

The Procurement will be conducted via the Delta e-sourcing portal on the notice link. Under no circumstances shall NEUPC incur any liability in respect of this ITT or any supporting documentation. NEUPC reserves the right to not proceed to Contract, or to cancel the Tender and will incur no Liability in doing so.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 4 Consultancy Only

Lot No

4

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

- 32400000 - Networks
- 32427000 - Network system
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72246000 - Systems consultancy services
- 72600000 - Computer support and consultancy services
- 32410000 - Local area network
- 32412110 - Internet network

- 32412120 - Intranet network
- 32415000 - Ethernet network
- 32424000 - Network infrastructure
- 32430000 - Wide area network

### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

UNITED KINGDOM

### **II.2.4) Description of the procurement**

All aspects of networking consultancy from an independent perspective. This lot is not open to suppliers on lots 1-3 to avoid any conflicts of interest.

### **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: £1,000,000

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

Duration in months

48

This contract is subject to renewal

No

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

Envisaged minimum number: 4

Maximum number: 5

Objective criteria for choosing the limited number of candidates:

Objective criteria is Included within the tender documentation. It is envisaged that a maximum of three suppliers will be awarded to Lot4. A maximum of five suppliers will be invited to tender for Lot4 at ITT. Refer to ITT documents.

#### **II.2.10) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: No

#### **II.2.11) Information about options**

Options: Yes

Description of options

Option to extend the Contract for up-to two periods of 12 months each. The Maximum Contract length is 48 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

Call offs may involve the use of EU or Research grant funding including but not limited to ERDF or ESIF funding.

#### **II.2.14) Additional information**

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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

#### **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.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure**

Notice number: [2021/S 000-028497](#)

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

Date

14 July 2022

Local time

4:00pm

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

9 August 2022

**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**

Duration in months: 4 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

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**Section VI. Complementary information**

**VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

**VI.3) Additional information**

The contracting authority considers that this contract may be suitable for economic operators that are small or medium enterprises (SMEs). However, any selection of tenderers will be based solely on the criteria set out for the procurement.

For more information about this opportunity, please visit the Delta eSourcing portal at:

<https://neupc.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Leeds:-Networks./2V4R37774Q>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

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**VI.4) Procedures for review**

**VI.4.1) Review body**

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