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Planning

## **HE Framework for Supply, Installation and management of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure (2024)**

NEUPC Ltd

APUC (Advanced Procurement for Universities & Colleges)

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium

London Universities Purchasing Consortium

Higher Education Purchasing Consortium, Wales (HEPCW)

Crescent Purchasing Consortium (CPC)

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

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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**

Additional information can be obtained from 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**

HE Framework for Supply, Installation and management of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure (2024)

Reference number

ITS2009NE

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

- 31154000 - Uninterruptible power supplies

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

Supplies

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

Prior Information Notice regarding a potential Framework agreement which is for the provision of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure products and related services. The purpose of the Framework Agreement will be to provide Institutions and participating Consortia members with a framework for the Supply, Installation and management of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure. Products in scope to include a range of data centre management equipment and infrastructure items including but not limited to Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS), cooling equipment, generators, gas & fire suppression systems and power distribution units (PDU's). Services in scope - Any or all elements of the supply, Installation, management and maintenance of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure, including removal, relocation, recycling, refurbishment or disposal of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure. Managed Services. Advice on related Sustainability & Energy efficiency and measurement. Provision of Modular and mobile data centre infrastructure, edge/micro data centre Infrastructure and infrastructure as part of modular or prefab units. Data Centre related Design and or Consultancy services. Preventative maintenance, testing, regular and emergency maintenance of new or existing equipment and Infrastructure is also included. Management of power distribution units (PDUs), Computer room air conditioners (CRACs), and Data Centre building management systems (BMS). Data centre equipment efficiency and energy usage control and monitoring, data centre infrastructure management (DCIM) including the potential for cloud based DCIM systems, ensuring Data Centre management

infrastructure operates effectively and efficiently. Data Centre Equipment in scope - Covering UPS, cooling equipment, generators, gas & fire suppression systems, PDUs plus consultancy, plus server & network racks, cabinets, blanking panels, lighting, back-up power, building management equipment. When finalised, NEUPC intends to award up-to the seven top ranked bidders to the framework, the planned ITT documents & Contract Notice will include full details. Scope to be finalised for the planned Invitation to Tender.

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

Value excluding VAT: £20,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 31174000 - Power supply transformers
- 31682510 - Emergency power systems
- 31120000 - Generators
- 50532300 - Repair and maintenance services of generators
- 51111200 - Installation services of generators
- 31161200 - Gas cooling systems
- 42500000 - Cooling and ventilation equipment
- 45331230 - Installation work of cooling equipment
- 42512000 - Air-conditioning installations
- 45317300 - Electrical installation work of electrical distribution apparatus
- 50532400 - Repair and maintenance services of electrical distribution equipment
- 35111500 - Fire suppression system



- 44482000 - Fire-protection devices
- 45343210 - CO2 fire-extinguishing equipment installation work
- 51700000 - Installation services of fire protection equipment
- 72220000 - Systems and technical consultancy services
- 72514100 - Facilities management services involving computer operation
- 39151100 - Racking
- 44175000 - Panels
- 71311300 - Infrastructure works consultancy 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**

The purpose of the planned Framework Agreement is to provide Institutions and participating Consortia members with a framework for the Supply, Installation and management of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure. Products in scope include a range of data centre management equipment and infrastructure items including but not limited to Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS), cooling equipment, generators, gas & fire suppression systems and power distribution units (PDU's). Any or all elements of the supply, Installation, management and disposal of data centre equipment and Infrastructure may be bought via the framework. The planned agreement will be open to members 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 possible that some of the future call off contracts under any planned 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 the planned framework will be considered compliant for the purposes of external funding by the named participants. 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. Membership of the consortia may be subject to change due to strategic realignment or the inclusion of new members. NEUPC reserves the right to not proceed to any subsequent Contract and will incur no Liability in doing so.

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

\*Not a call for Competition\*. To register interest or ask questions email [p.eagleton@neupc.ac.uk](mailto:p.eagleton@neupc.ac.uk) NEUPC reserves the right to not proceed to Tender for any Framework & incurs no Liability in doing so, nor any Liability in publishing this notice. Any Opportunity will be issued via Delta e-Tendering Portal <https://neupc.delta-esourcing.com/> potential Bidders may wish to register on Delta in advance.

## **II.3) Estimated date of publication of contract notice**

11 September 2023

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

### **IV.1) Description**

#### **IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.3) Additional information**

\*THIS PIN IS NOT A CALL FOR COMPETITION\*. Enquiries to this PIN (to email stated) made after 28th August 2023 will not be responded to. The Procurement proper will be tendered via the Open Procedure in due course, with the publication of a Contract Notice. Any further Invitation to Tender will state the appropriate deadline date and time for responses. Please note the Contracts Finder deadline date stated is auto-populated.

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