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## **Servers Storage Solutions National Agreement**

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

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

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

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Main address

<https://www.supc.ac.uk>

Buyer's address

<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/86623>

**I.3) Communication**

The procurement documents are available for unrestricted and full direct access, free of charge, at

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=39956&B=SUPC](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=39956&B=SUPC)

Additional information can be obtained from the above-mentioned address

Tenders or requests to participate must be submitted electronically via

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**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**

Servers Storage Solutions National Agreement

Reference number

ITS4043 SU

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

- 30210000 - Data-processing machines (hardware)

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

Supplies

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

The purpose of the agreement is to offer a framework to support institutions' in the procurement of servers and storage hardware, as well as solutions such as high performance computing or hyper-converged technology via a quick and compliant route to market.

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

Value excluding VAT: £500,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

Tenders may be submitted for all lots

Maximum number of lots that may be awarded to one tenderer: 5

### **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 1 - Servers

Lot No

1

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

- 30211100 - Super computer
- 30233000 - Media storage and reader devices
- 30233100 - Computer storage units
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

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

Servers

OEM led lot with up to four routes to market either direct, with the OEM, or via nominated resellers. Suppliers must supply an approved range of servers and associated options. This lot includes maintenance renewals, management software and other software layers (where part of a hardware requirement). This lot includes the option to offer a hybrid approach (on and off premise), where on premise represents significant element of the requirement.

#### **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: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to

extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **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

Various projects funded by EU in research institutions in the UK

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

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) funding and potentially other research bodies. All funding accessed under this framework will be considered compliant for the purposes of external funding by the named participants.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 2 - Storage

Lot No

2

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

- 30211100 - Super computer
- 30233000 - Media storage and reader devices
- 30233100 - Computer storage units
- 30233140 - Direct-access storage devices (DASD)
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

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

The purpose of the agreement is to offer a framework to support institutions' in the procurement of servers and storage hardware, as well as solutions such as high performance computing or hyper-converged technology via a quick and compliant route to market.

### **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: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 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

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

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### **II.2) Description**



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

Lot 3 - Solutions Exc HPC

Lot No

3

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

- 30211100 - Super computer
- 30233000 - Media storage and reader devices
- 30233100 - Computer storage units
- 30233140 - Direct-access storage devices (DASD)
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

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

The purpose of the agreement is to offer a framework to support institutions' in the procurement of servers and storage hardware, as well as solutions such as high performance computing or hyper-converged technology via a quick and compliant route to market.

#### **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: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for 2 periods of 12 month

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to

extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

### **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

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

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) funding and potentially other research bodies. All funding accessed under this framework will be considered compliant for the purposes of external funding by the named participants.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 4 - Solutions for HPC or DIC

Lot No

4

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

- 30211100 - Super computer
- 30233000 - Media storage and reader devices
- 30233100 - Computer storage units
- 30233140 - Direct-access storage devices (DASD)
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

Main site or place of performance

Various locations across the UK.

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

The purpose of the agreement is to offer a framework to support institutions' in the procurement of servers and storage hardware, as well as solutions such as high performance computing or hyper-converged technology via a quick and compliant route to market.

### **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: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 10

#### **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 for 2 periods of 12 months

#### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

Tenders must be presented in the form of electronic catalogues or include an electronic catalogue

#### **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

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

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

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part

or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) funding and potentially other research bodies. All funding accessed under this framework will be considered compliant for the purposes of external funding by the named participants.

## **II.2) Description**

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

Lot 5 - Reseller Solutions

Lot No

5

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

- 30211100 - Super computer
- 30233000 - Media storage and reader devices
- 30233100 - Computer storage units
- 30233140 - Direct-access storage devices (DASD)
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### **II.2.3) Place of performance**

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

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

##### Reseller Solutions

Reseller led; products and solutions must be based in servers, storage and solutions (the same scope as Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4). The intention is for this lot to enable new technologies associated networking and software, consultancy and installation within the scope of products and services set out in lots 1 to 4.

#### **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: £100,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

Yes

Description of renewals

Option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months

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

Envisaged number of candidates: 15

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

Variants will be accepted: No

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

Options: Yes

Description of options

SUPC will award this Framework Agreement on the basis of 24 months, with option to extend for 2 periods of 12 months.

#### **II.2.12) Information about electronic catalogues**

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#### **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

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

It is anticipated that some of the future call-off contracts under this framework will be part or fully funded from external streams, including European Union (EU) funding and potentially other research bodies. All funding accessed under this framework will be considered compliant for the purposes of external funding by the named participants.

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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

Envisaged maximum number of participants to the framework agreement: 34

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

Date

8 December 2021

Local time

5:00pm

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

14 January 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: 12 (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 entire tender process will be conducted electronically and suppliers will need to register their interest online at: <https://uk.eu-spply.com/login.asp?B=SUPC>

All documents will be issued and will need to be returned online.

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An electronic auction will not be used for the award of the framework agreement. Institutions may choose to use an electronic auction if undertaking a further competition under the Framework Agreement.

### **VI.4) Procedures for review**

#### **VI.4.1) Review body**

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