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

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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://www.delta-esourcing.com/tenders/UK-UK-Leeds:-Uninterruptible-power-supplies./767XG47U5P>

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**

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

Reference number

ITS2009 NE

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

- 31154000 - Uninterruptible power supplies

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

Supplies

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

NEUPC is seeking to establish a framework agreement for the provision of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure products and related services. NEUPC intends to award up-to the seven top ranked bidders to the framework, see the ITT document for full details. The purpose of the Framework Agreement is to provide HE Institutions and Participating Consortia members with a framework for the Supply, Installation and management of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure plus related Design and Consultancy. Products in scope include a range of data centre management equipment and infrastructure including but not limited to Uninterrupted Power Supplies (UPS), cooling equipment, generators, gas & fire suppression systems, power distribution units (PDU's), blanking panels, caging. Any or all elements of the supply, Installation, and management of data centre equipment and Infrastructure may be bought via the framework. See ITT.

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

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

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

This contract is divided into lots: No

## **II.2) Description**

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

- 31156000 - Interruptible power supplies
- 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
- 51112000 - Installation services of electricity distribution and control equipment
- 31625100 - Fire-detection systems
- 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
- 44211100 - Modular and portable buildings

### **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 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 scope includes provision of the following goods and services:

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.

Carbon monitoring, energy usage monitoring and assistance with reporting on carbon reduction and scope 3. Provision of Modular and mobile data centre infrastructure, edge/micro data centre Infrastructure and infrastructure as part of modular or prefab units, containerised / pre-fab 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.

The framework will be made available to all members of participating consortia: their respective memberships (found by following the relevant links) are:

<http://www.neupc.ac.uk/our-members>, <https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>,  
<https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>, <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members>.

<http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/members/>, <http://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list> and <https://www.thecpc.ac.uk/>. The framework will be for an initial period of two years, with the option for two further extension periods of twelve months each to a total period of four years. This 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 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. 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. This 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.

#### **II.2.5) Award criteria**

Quality criterion - Name: Management and Technical / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Marketing / Weighting: 5

Quality criterion - Name: Supply and Delivery, Installation / Weighting: 30

Quality criterion - Name: Sustainability and CSR / Weighting: 12.5

Quality criterion - Name: Project Management / Weighting: 10

Quality criterion - Name: Warranty and Support / Weighting: 15

Quality criterion - Name: Scenario Question / Weighting: 12.5

Cost criterion - Name: Price basket Appendix / Weighting: 30

Cost criterion - Name: Framework Rate Card / Weighting: 50

Cost criterion - Name: Scenario Pricing Schedule / Weighting: 20

Cost criterion - Name: Note the overall quality price split is 70% Quality / 30% Price / Weighting: 0

#### **II.2.6) Estimated value**

Value excluding VAT: £30,000,000

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

Duration in months

24

This contract is subject to renewal

No

**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.

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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

### **III.2) Conditions related to the contract**

#### **III.2.3) Information about staff responsible for the performance of the contract**

Obligation to indicate the names and professional qualifications of the staff assigned to performing the contract

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## **Section IV. Procedure**

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

#### **IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open 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: [2023/S 000-022583](#)

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

Date

28 November 2023

Local time

4:00pm

**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: 9 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

**IV.2.7) Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date

28 November 2023

Local time

4:01pm

Place

Delta

Information about authorised persons and opening procedure

Bids will be opened by suitably qualified persons shortly after the deadline has passed.

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## **Section VI. Complementary information**

### **VI.1) Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: No

### **VI.2) Information about electronic workflows**

Electronic invoicing will be accepted

### **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:-Uninterruptible-power-supplies./767XG47U5P>

To respond to this opportunity, please click here:

<https://neupc.delta-esourcing.com/respond/767XG47U5P>

GO Reference: GO-20231020-PRO-24223312

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

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

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