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Tender

Network Cabling Services

University of Exeter

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Scope

Reference

UOE/2025/068/SD

Description

You are invited by University of Exeter, acting on behalf of itself, to Tender for admission to a Framework Agreement for the provision of Network Cabling Services in accordance with this Invitation To Tender (ITT). The University intends to award the resulting Framework Agreement to upto 3 Suppliers for a period of 4 years.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £500,000 excluding VAT
- £600,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 16 October 2025 to 16 October 2029
- 4 years, 1 day

Main procurement category

Services

Additional procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 32421000 - Network cabling
- 51000000 - Installation services (except software)

Contract locations

- UKK - South West (England)
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Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

3

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Framework operation description

The University intends to award a four (4) year agreement with up to three (3) suppliers in order to facilitate parallel installation activities where the opportunity to do so arises. The top 3 scoring suppliers will be invited to enter into a Framework Agreement, whereby subsequent work will be committed through a Call Off Contract process. Whereby, Call Off Contracts will either be entered into further to a Mini Competition process or where operational needs require through a Direct Award to the highest scoring bid of the three suppliers on the Framework Agreement. The expectation is that the University will require some 600 to 800 Access Points to be installed in the initial 12 months of the Framework Agreement. An indicative initial plan has been included as per Appendix A to give an indication of the number of buildings, and initial number and type of Access Point to be installed.

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

PA2023 Schedule 6 and 7 legal exclusions. Requirement for submission of financial documentation on award. Minimum financial threshold based on turnover. ITT Response Document 1 - Procurement Specific Questionnaire made available in University of Exeter eTendering portal (<https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=EXETER>).

Technical ability conditions of participation

Organisational standards : Compliance to standards Suppliers submitting tender responses in respect to this requirement for Network Cabling Services must be conversant and compliant with recognised standards to include; BS 6701:2016+A1:2017 Telecommunications equipment and telecommunications cabling. Specification for installation, operation and maintenance - Specification for installation, operation and maintenance. BS 7671:2018+A2:2022 IET Wiring Regulations BS EN 50173-1:2018 Information technology. Generic cabling systems - General requirements BS EN 50173-2:2007+A1:2010 Information technology. Generic cabling systems - Office premises BS EN 50173-6:2018 Information technology. Generic cabling systems - Distributed building services BS EN 50174-1:2018+A1:2020 Information technology. Cabling installation - Installation specification and quality assurance BS EN 50174-2:2018 Information technology. Cabling installation - Installation planning and practices inside buildings BS EN 50346:2002+A2:2009 Information technology. Cabling installation. Testing of installed cabling Based on this condition of participation in respect to specified organisational qualifications or standards, please provide details of how these are met and maintained. Note: Other equivalent standards that equal or exceed what has been requested are acceptable. Where compliant with these alternative standards as opposed to the above please provide details as to how these are met and maintained. Out of Hours availability Due to the dynamic utilisation of our education and workspaces we require our Network Cabling Services to be performed outside of normal working hours (i.e. outside Monday to Friday 08:00 to 18:00). Suppliers must be compliant with the University's Contractor Performance Standards. Document available to download here; <https://www.exeter.ac.uk/departments/estateservices/contractors/standards/>

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
 - Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)
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Submission

Enquiry deadline

23 September 2025, 5:00pm

Tender submission deadline

30 September 2025, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=97686&B=

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

7 October 2025

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 16 June 2029

Award criteria

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Costs	Costs for installation of Access Points	Cost	30%
Social Value	Assessment of Social Value delivery against the Themes, Outcomes, and Measures (TOMs) Framework via Social Value Framework	Quality	20%
Organisation Capacity	Based on our indicative requirements (e.g. 600-800 est. AP's Yr1) for Out of Hours Network Cabling Services, please provide details of available resources capable of supporting these requirements	Quality	15%

Name	Description	Type	Weighting
Flexibility	In addition to the requirement to deliver the services Out of Hours the University is seeking suppliers who can be responsive to windows of opportunity to perform the services (holiday periods, as part of wider refurbishment activities, as vacant spaces arise). Supplier to provide evidence of ability to respond and to be able to support multiple install activities	Quality	10%
Testing and Documentation	Testing & Documentation In respect to testing, please provide details of your; • testing capability • relevant test equipment • calibration and certification process. In the event that a test fails, please provide details of your remedial action / re-test process. In respect to documentation, please provide details of • Risk Assessment and Method Statement documentation • Handover / Sign Off documentation include key contacts .	Quality	5%

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Affiliations & Accreditations Ideally, Suppliers should be CommScope registered or hold similar industry certifications. Please provide details of relevant industry certifications.	Affiliations & Accreditations Suppliers should ideally be CommScope registered or hold similar industry certifications. Please provide details of relevant industry certifications.	Quality	5%
Warranty	Please provide details of Warranty provided for the Cabling Services	Quality	5%
Sustainability	The University of Exeter is working towards a Net Zero target 2030 and as such we need to reduce our carbon emissions from our supply chains to support this. Please provide details of your carbon reduction activities in respect to the overall service provision with consideration of your own emissions and activities, that of your supply chain, and in particular minimising emissions and waste in respect to delivery of the service to Exeter.	Quality	5%
Terms and Conditions	Compliance with Terms and Conditions	Quality	5%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Justification for not publishing a preliminary market engagement notice

Due to the need for operational continuity it has not been possible to run an early market engagement exercise.

Contracting authority

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