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Contract

Apple Equipment & Associated Services

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/91080>

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Sub-central contracting authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Apple Equipment & Associated Services

Reference number

ITS3028 NW

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 30213000 - Personal computers

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NWUPC is establishing a multi-provider Framework Agreement on behalf of members of NWUPC, SUPC, APUC, NEUPC, LUPC and HEPCW for Apple Equipment & Associated Services.

This Framework Agreement will commence on 18th September 2025 for an initial period until 31st July 2027 with the option to extend the Agreement for two (2) period(s) of twelve (12) months until 31st July 2029 subject to satisfactory Economic Operator performance.

NWUPC <https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>

APUC <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members>

HEPCW <http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/about-us-2/>

LUPC <https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-l>

NEUPC <http://www.neupc.ac.uk/our-members>

SUPC <https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: No

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £200,000,000

II.2) Description

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30213100 - Portable computers
- 30213200 - Tablet computer
- 30213300 - Desktop computer
- 50320000 - Repair and maintenance services of personal computers
- 50321000 - Repair services of personal computers
- 50322000 - Maintenance services of personal computers
- 50324000 - Support services of personal computers

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Apple manufactured equipment utilising the Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEM) operating systems (currently MacOS, iPadOS, iOS and Watch OS) and any future additional proprietary operating systems which may be implemented during the period covered by the Framework Agreement. The agreement covers direct sales to students and staff of participating consortia members as detailed in 1.4.1. of the ITT

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Requirements / Weighting: 50

Price - Weighting: 50

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

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 off by members from the resulting framework may be conducted by institutions using various funds including but not limited to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

II.2.14) Additional information

Please read the Supplier Guide to Tendering, Selection Criteria Scoring Mechanism, Invitation to Tender and accompanying appendices prior to completing any sections on this e-tendering system.

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

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: [2025/S 000-006804](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

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Title

Apple Equipment & Associated Services

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

16 September 2025

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 6

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 1

Number of tenders received from tenderers from non-EU Member States: 6

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 6

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Academia Ltd

Hemel Hempstead

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

XMA Limited

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

KRCS Group Limited

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

GBM Digital Technologies Ltd (Trading as Sync)

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £200,000,000

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

At some point during the life of the Framework Agreement members of participating consortia may wish to utilise the Agreement and should have access at any point with the permission of NWUPC. This Agreement is not intended to replace any current Agreements that either participating or non-participating Institutions may already have in place.

A list of the participating consortia is as follows:

NWUPC <https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>

APUC <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members>

HEPCW <http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/about-us-2/>

LUPC <https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-l>

NEUPC <http://www.neupc.ac.uk/our-members>

SUPC <https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>

A list of the current members is available as follows:

Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations that can be accessed at the Public Sector Classification Guide

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Local Authorities

<https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

<https://www.local.gov.uk>

NDPBs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

National Parks Authorities

<http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk>

Police Forces in the United Kingdom

http://www.police.uk/?view=force_sites

<https://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<http://www.fire.org.uk/fire-brigades.html>

NHS Bodies England

<https://www.nhs.uk/servicedirectories/pages/nhstrustlisting.aspx>

Hospices in the UK

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/about-hospice-care/find-a-hospice>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<http://www.charity-commission.gov.uk>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

www.cas.org.uk

Scottish Police

<http://www.scotland.police.uk>

NI Public Bodies

Northern Ireland Government Departments

<https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/topics/your-executive/government-departments>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/government-departments-in-northern-ireland>

Northern Ireland Public Sector Bodies and Local Authorities

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

Schools and Universities in Northern Ireland

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

Health and Social care in Northern Ireland

<http://online.hscni.net>

Northern Ireland Housing Associations

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

Police Service of Northern Ireland

<https://www.psni.police.uk>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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