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Planning

Responsible Procurement

Southern Universities Management Services (SUMS)

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Scope

Reference

RP4066 SU

Description

The framework will be designed to help higher education institutions and the wider public sector achieve responsible procurement outcomes across a number of key areas. It aims to cover aspects such as modern day slavery & ethical supply chain due diligence, social value, ESG, EDI, and varying consultancy services.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £0 excluding VAT
- £0 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 October 2026 to 29 September 2029
- Possible extension to 28 September 2030
- 3 years, 11 months, 28 days

Main procurement category

Services

Additional procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 72261000 - Software support services
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 48100000 - Industry specific software package
- 72266000 - Software consultancy services
- 72318000 - Data transmission services

- 79315000 - Social research services
- 79410000 - Business and management consultancy services
- 79411000 - General management consultancy services
- 90700000 - Environmental services
- 98200000 - Equal opportunities consultancy services

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

13 February 2026

Engagement process description

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlentrance_s.asp?PID=97532&B=

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

31 March 2026

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