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**Planning** 

# **Responsible Procurement**

Southern Universities Management Services (SUMS)

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### Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The <u>previous version</u> is still available.

The date has been amended in the Mercell system to reflect the survey response deadline date stated in the Preliminary Market Engagement documentation. The end of the engagement period remains the same.

### 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**

28 November 2025

### **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

# **Contracting authority**

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