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Planning

Corporate Software and Related Products and Services

Crescent Purchasing Consortium Limited

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Changes to notice

This notice has been edited. The [previous version](#) is still available.

Scope

Reference

CA16588

Description

This is an information gathering exercise named Preliminary Market Engagement. The purpose of this exercise is to gather information from suppliers who provide Corporate Software and Related Products and Services outlined within the document, to assist in forming agreeable Terms and Conditions for Call-off that meets the needs of CPC's members and potential suppliers to the framework.

In addition to the above we will be looking to review the lot structure of the framework and gain opinions on the framework type (standard framework or open framework).

Following this, we aim to go out to tender, to form a framework that offers Corporate Software and Related Products and Services to the education sector and also the wider public sector via Crescent Services Home - Crescent Services Limited.

Please complete the questionnaire along with the Preliminary Market Engagement Declaration. Details are available via MultiQuote: <https://suppliers.multiquote.com>

MultiQuote reference CA16588

Please note that this is not a procurement exercise and therefore by submitting a response to this notice, you are not bidding for a place on the framework or for any associated work at this stage. Following this preliminary market engagement process, we will review responses received and make any necessary changes to the planned procurement exercise that will follow.

Potential lots may include but are not limited to are:

Lot 1 - Financial Management Software

Lot 2 - Human Resource Software

Lot 3 - Payroll System Software

Lot 4 - Multi-Purpose Lot for Lots 1 -3

Lot 5 - Management Information Systems (MIS)

Lot 6 - Educational Management and Communications Software excluding MIS

Lot 7 - Project Management & Resource Planning Software

Lot 8 - Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Systems

Lot 9 - Estates Management Software including CAFM Systems

Any resulting framework from this exercise will be available to Further Education Institutions, Universities, Sixth Forms, Academies, Schools, Museums and other similar organisations who are CPC Members (<https://www.thecpc.ac.uk/members/regions.php>) and all CPC future members (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/get-information-about-schools>).

Local Authorities may also wish to use the resulting framework when procuring on behalf of Educational Establishments.

The framework will also be available to the Wider Public Sector (<https://www.thecpc.ac.uk/suppliers/eligible-public-sector-bodies.php>) via Crescent Services.

Total value (estimated)

- £40,000,000 excluding VAT
- £48,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 27 July 2026 to 26 July 2028
- Possible extension to 26 July 2030
- 4 years

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 72212450 - Time accounting or human resources software development services
- 48331000 - Project management software package
- 48450000 - Time accounting or human resources software package
- 48311000 - Document management software package
- 48812000 - Financial information systems
- 72212331 - Project management software development services
- 48445000 - Customer Relation Management software package
- 48422000 - Software package suites
- 72212445 - Customer Relation Management software development services
- 48430000 - Inventory management software package
- 48421000 - Facilities management software package
- 48440000 - Financial analysis and accounting software package
- 48451000 - Enterprise resource planning software package
- 48441000 - Financial analysis software package
- 48333000 - Contact management software package
- 48810000 - Information systems
- 48170000 - Compliance software package
- 48982000 - Configuration management software package
- 72212190 - Educational software development services
- 48800000 - Information systems and servers
- 48190000 - Educational software package
- 79996100 - Records management
- 37524100 - Educational games

- 48442000 - Financial systems software package

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Engagement

Engagement deadline

28 November 2025

Engagement process description

If you wish to be involved in this Preliminary Market Engagement, please complete the questionnaire and sign and return the embedded Preliminary Market Declaration document by 11.59pm on 28th November 2025. The questionnaire can be found at:

<https://suppliers.multiquote.com>

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Participation

Particular suitability

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

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

12 January 2026

Contracting authority

Crescent Purchasing Consortium Limited

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