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Planning

## IT Neutral Vendor

HEART ACADEMIES TRUST

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## Changes to notice

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

Added CPV code 79400000: Business and management consultancy and related services

Added text clarifying that the notice is being published with 'parent' level CPV codes but it should be assumed all relevant 'child'/sub codes will be covered under the contract.

Updated estimated timelines to account for updated notice being published on 20/10

## Scope

## Reference

VMREF0223

## Description

This Framework Contract will adopt a Neutral Vendor Managed Service model to offer a 'one stop shop' for all in scope ICT goods and services based on the Framework CPV codes. The Neutral Vendor will act a single interface between the Customer and the Supply Chain.

The Framework is primarily focussed on the Education Sector, but must be available and suitable for all public sector organisations.

The key objectives and focus of the framework are:

? Value for money - through competition and in the case of direct award, demonstrated through benchmarking.

? Access to a fully managed service - engaging with the Customer, providing advice and guidance, building up knowledge of each Customer based on previous engagements to inform the service they are offered, supporting the delivery of the outcomes required.

? Access to high quality ICT goods and services - high quality goods and services should be tailored to each Customers requirements.

? Transparency - copies of benchmarking information must be shared, especially in the case of direct awards, ensuring direct awards are only used where justified, sharing competition information with the Customer, whole life cost is presented including full transparency over Supplier fees to access the managed service.

? Process efficiencies for Customers - streamlining invoices with effective management information, simplifying procurement processes.

? Effective management of the Supply Chain - ensuring alignment with standards, only onboarding suitable Suppliers, offering choice to Customers, effective rotation of opportunities between appropriate Suppliers.

? Sustainability and Social Value - ensuring alignment with Customers objectives around sustainability and social value.

The planned procurement notice and the tender process are being run using 'parent' level

CPV codes. It should be assumed all relevant 'child'/sub codes will be covered under the contract.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £800,000,000 excluding VAT
- £1,000,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2030
- 4 years

## **Main procurement category**

Services

## **CPV classifications**

- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages
- 31000000 - Electrical machinery, apparatus, equipment and consumables; lighting
- 32000000 - Radio, television, communication, telecommunication and related equipment

- 42960000 - Command and control system, printing, graphics, office automation and information-processing equipment
- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 50300000 - Repair, maintenance and associated services related to personal computers, office equipment, telecommunications and audio-visual equipment
- 51300000 - Installation services of communications equipment
- 51600000 - Installation services of computers and office equipment
- 64200000 - Telecommunications services
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 79210000 - Accounting and auditing services
- 79400000 - Business and management consultancy and related services
- 79500000 - Office-support services
- 79800000 - Printing and related services

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

1

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

0.90%

### **Further information about fees**

0.9% of invoice value to be payable for all contracts awarded under this framework

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## **Submission**

### **Publication date of tender notice (estimated)**

1 December 2025

### **Enquiry deadline**

8 December 2025, 5:00pm

### **Submission type**

Tenders

### **Tender submission deadline**

12 December 2025, 5:00pm

### **Submission address and any special instructions**

Tender responses to be submitted through [www.https://cimple.uk/](https://cimple.uk/)

A direct link will be included in the tender publication notice

### **Tenders may be submitted electronically**

Yes

### **Languages that may be used for submission**

English

### **Award decision date (estimated)**

9 February 2026

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

Please note, this is expected to be a two stage procurement process. The dates provided in the 'Submissions' tab refer only to Stage 1.

Stage 1 is expected to include mandatory criteria on a pass/fail basis.

Stage 2 is expected to include a full tender response with Quality & Social Value questions and a Price Schedule.

Stage 2 is expected to run from 19th December to 23rd January.

## **Reduced tendering period**

Yes

Qualifying planned procurement notice - minimum 10 days

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## **Contracting authority**

### **HEART ACADEMIES TRUST**

- Companies House: 06969741
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PVCR-6312-NPXW

Bedford Academy

Bedford

MK42 9TR

United Kingdom

Email: [procurement@heartacademiestrust.co.uk](mailto:procurement@heartacademiestrust.co.uk)

Region: UKH24 - Bedford

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

## Other organisation

These organisations are carrying out the procurement, or part of it, on behalf of the contracting authorities.

### VALUE MATCH SERVICES LTD

Summary of their role in this procurement: Appointed procurement specialists on behalf of HEART

- Companies House: 08522031
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PXYJ-6338-PQDD

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Chester

CH3 5UU

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Email: [procurement@heartacademiestrust.co.uk](mailto:procurement@heartacademiestrust.co.uk)

Website: <https://www.value-match.co.uk/>

Region: UKD63 - Cheshire West and Chester

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## Contact organisation

Contact VALUE MATCH SERVICES LTD for any enquiries.