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Provision of Printing Services

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

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Scope

Description

The University of Birmingham previously established a framework agreement for the provision of printing services across a range of specialist areas.

This was lotted as outlined below:

Lot 1: Premium Large Printers

- Provision of high quality print for key University publications, such as the Undergraduate and Postgraduate Prospectuses and university magazines.
- Variable data and distribution services.

Lot 2: General Mid-range Printers

- Provision of quality print for a variety of general short to medium run printed material, such as brochures, leaflets, folders and calendars.

Lot 3: Display and Exhibition Services (Wide format signage)

- Provision of a variety of quality display and exhibition services, such as pull ups, pop up

banner stands, wall graphics, vehicle wraps, lamp-post flags.

- Provision of a quality graphic and signage installation service.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Framework

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

0%

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Establishing party only

Contract 1

Supplier

- Belmont Press Ltd

Contract value

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 November 2025 to 17 November 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79810000 - Printing services

Contract locations

- UKG31 - Birmingham
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Contract 2

Supplier

- STERLING PRESS LIMITED

Contract value

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 November 2025

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- 18 November 2025 to 17 November 2026
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Main procurement category

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Contract locations

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Contract 3

Supplier

- Hickling and Squires (UK) Limited

Contract value

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

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Main procurement category

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Contract locations

- UKG31 - Birmingham
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Contract 4

Supplier

- Potts Print (UK) Limited

Contract value

- £250,000 excluding VAT
- £300,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Earliest date the contract will be signed

18 November 2025

Contract dates (estimated)

- 18 November 2025 to 17 November 2026
- 1 year

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 79810000 - Printing services

Contract locations

- UKG31 - Birmingham

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Direct award

Direct award justification

- Additional or repeat goods, services or works - extension or partial replacement
- Extreme and unavoidable urgency

The current outsourced printing framework is due for renewal. To ensure continuity of service and allow sufficient time for a comprehensive re-tendering process, the University of Birmingham intends to extend the existing framework agreement for a further 12 months until November 2026.

This extension is necessary to maintain access to specialist services based on expertise, pricing, and availability.

A formal procurement process will be undertaken to establish the new framework agreement during 2026.

Suppliers

Belmont Press Ltd

- Companies House: 504862
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PJLV-5434-JZHJ

Barn Way, Lodge Farm Industrial Estate,

Northampton

NN5 7UW

United Kingdom

Email: sales@belmont.co.uk

Website: <http://WWW.belmont.co.uk>

Region: UKF24 - West Northamptonshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 1

Hickling and Squires (UK) Limited

- Companies House: 05272593

1 Dunsil Road

Newthorpe

NG16 3TN

United Kingdom

Email: hi@hickling-squires.co.uk

Website: <https://hickling-squires.co.uk/>

Region: UKF16 - South Nottinghamshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 3

Potts Print (UK) Limited

- Companies House: 00536326

Atlas House, Nelson Park

Cramlington

NE23 1WG

United Kingdom

Email: info@potts.co.uk

Region: UKC21 - Northumberland

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 4

STERLING PRESS LIMITED

- Companies House: 02386753
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PBQW-9217-ZCVW

Kettering Venture Park

Northamptonshire

NN15 6XU

United Kingdom

Email: tenders@sterlingsolutions.co.uk

Website: <http://sterlingsolutions.co.uk>

Region: UKF25 - North Northamptonshire

Small or medium-sized enterprise (SME): Yes

Voluntary, community or social enterprise (VCSE): No

Contract 2

Contracting authority

THE UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

- Companies House: RC000645
- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PHCQ-3464-LVTM

Edgbaston

Birmingham

B15 2TT

United Kingdom

Email: procurement@bham.ac.uk

Website: <http://www.birmingham.ac.uk>

Region: UKG31 - Birmingham

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government