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Planning

## **Student Loans Company requirement for IBM Power and Storage**

STUDENT LOANS COMPANY

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

2025-TR-0074

### **Description**

This is a retrospective notice to verify Student Loans Company undertook premarket engagement with regards to their tender for IBM Power.

All companies registered under Technology Products & Associated Services 2 (RM6098) Lot 2 (Hardware) have been contacted to confirm expressions of interest for the following hardware requirements.

4 x E1050 - Midrange solution, each with:

96 Cores Installed / 27 Cores Active

3TB DDR5 Memory

AIX Operating System

5 Years Hardware and Software Maintenance (Advanced ExpertCare)

+ 100,000 ECOD Days

### **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

### **Total value (estimated)**

- £2,500,000 excluding VAT
- £3,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

### **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 December 2025 to 30 November 2030
- 5 years

### **Main procurement category**

Goods

### **CPV classifications**

- 30210000 - Data-processing machines (hardware)

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Engagement**

### **Engagement deadline**

15 July 2025

The engagement was carried out before this notice was published.

### **Engagement process description**

Companies registered on CCS framework RM6098 Lot 2 were issued an expression of interest on 01/07/2025, closing 15/07/2025, via Delta ESourcing.

The questionnaire included an initial specification which has altered slightly to that published during the further competition.

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## **Submission**

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

25 November 2025

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## **Contracting authority**

### **STUDENT LOANS COMPANY**

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