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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.

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

25 November 2025

Contracting authority

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