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Tender

Connectivity, Communications, Security and Safeguarding Services Partner

Academy Transformation Trust

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Scope

Description

At Academy Transformation Trust (ATT), our ambition is that every person who passes through our schools and colleges becomes an educated person - able to take a rightful place in the community of educated people and to join what Robert Maynard Hutchins called "the Great Conversation." An ATT education stresses history, the scientific mode of thinking, the disciplined use of language, a wide-ranging knowledge of the arts and religion, and the continuity of human enterprise. We aspire for everyone, regardless of their starting point, to leave us capable, competent, and confident.

Our cross-phase group of academies was founded in 2011 and, since that time, we have grown to our current family of 22 academies (primary, secondary, post-16 and FE) operating across 10 English local authority areas.

The Trust's current connectivity contract is coming to an end in July 2026.

The Trust has taken this opportunity to review its requirements in terms of:

• Internet connectivity and,

• in the current climate of increased focus on cyber attacks in education, security at each site and across the wider Trust network.

• The safeguarding of students (but all users in general) as they use Trust ICT services and equipment

With increasing emphasis and use of moving to cloud based platforms to deliver key services, the Trust needs secure, reliable connectivity to these cloud services and the wider internet.

The Trust is in the final stages of moving as many services as possible 'off-site' and into the cloud - indeed, by the end of this academic year this project should be complete, though some services will need to remain local such as access control. To support this outcome, the Trust will require the successful bidder to provide a centralised hosting platform for key Trust services and applications to be delivered to/accessible from all sites.

With the majority of services moving into the cloud, connectivity between the school sites is minimised, but will still be required.

In addition to a secure network and central hosting there needs to be a comprehensive safeguarding solution, providing web filtering and activity monitoring to DfE KCSIE and other relevant DfE standards. This solution will deliver proactive and reactive filtering and monitoring, managing false positives and allowing Trust staff to be alerted so that they can manage effective and timely interventions when issues and/or concerns around how students (or other users) using Trust services and/or devices may arise.

Following internal review and due diligence, the Trust has decided that it wants to test the market to find the most advantageous partner to work with them to deliver the above outcomes

The Trust requires the following:

- Secure Broadband/Internet connectivity for the Trust sites meeting, at a minimum, the DfE Digital and Technology Standards in Schools and Colleges

- The Trust is in the final stages of moving as many services as possible 'off-site' and into the cloud - indeed, by the end of this academic year this project should be complete. To support this outcome, the Trust will require the successful bidder to provide a centralised hosting platform for key Trust services and applications to be delivered to/accessible from all sites.

- Central hosting of key Trust-wide applications on Windows-based Virtual Machines

- A full safeguarding solution covering both Internet filtering and device/activity monitoring that, at a minimum, meets DfE KCSIE guidelines, but allow the Trust to proactively and reactively manage behaviour and safeguarding issues across its network.

- Detailed management information and reporting is required across the entire solution so that the Trust is aware of what traffic and activity is happening at the edge of the Local networks and across the Wide Area network at any given time.

Total value (estimated)

• £2,000,000 excluding VAT

• £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

• 1 August 2026 to 31 July 2031

• Possible extension to 31 July 2032

• 6 years

Description of possible extension:

Subject to satisfactory performance of its obligations the contracting authority may, at its sole discretion, extend the Contract for a further period of up to twelve (12) months by giving notice to the Supplier not less than one hundred and eighty (180) days prior to the last day of the Contract Initial Period.

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 32412110 - Internet network

- 32430000 - Wide area network

- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

Contract locations

- UKC - North East (England)

- UKD - North West (England)

- UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber

- UKF - East Midlands (England)

- UKG - West Midlands (England)

- UKH - East of England

- UKI - London

- UKJ - South East (England)

- UKK - South West (England)

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

5 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission type

Requests to participate

Deadline for requests to participate

9 January 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

Submission by email as described in the PSQ.

Tenders may be submitted electronically

No

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

17 March 2026

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Quality	Quality	70%
Price	Cost	30%

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Competitive flexible procedure

Competitive flexible procedure description

At stage 1, a PSQ will be issued and suppliers will be shortlisted and invited to submit a tender.

Suppliers will be provided with an ITT pack that contains the Stage 2 process, the contracting authority requirements, a draft contract and other relevant information. Suppliers will be asked to respond to the requirements and provide a price for the service. Suppliers will be able to submit clarification questions during the tender writing process.

Following submission of their proposals and costs, their responses will be scored

alongside the charges for the service they propose aligning to the weightings described in the tender documents.

The highest weighted score will be deemed to deliver the Most Advantageous Tender, and awarded Preferred Bidder status.

Following a stand still period, the contracting authority will then endeavour to agree and enter into a contract with the Preferred Bidder.

Documents

Associated tender documents

[ATT - Connectivity, Security and Safeguarding Partner Procurement PSQ v3 [released].docx](#)

[ATT - Connectivity, Security and Safeguarding Partner Procurement PSQ v3 [released].pdf](#)

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Documents will be emailed directly to shorlisted suppliers.

Contracting authority

Academy Transformation Trust

- UK Register of Learning Providers (UKPRN number): 10039859

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PZZT-9217-WDTL

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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.

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