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Tender

## **AI platform for use by Staff and Students at The University Of Kent**

University of Kent

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

MR25\_009

### **Description**

The University of Kent is procuring an enterprise-grade Generative AI platform to support teaching, learning, research, accessibility, and operational efficiency. The platform must provide a secure, institutionally governed AI environment; support student learning and staff productivity; reduce institutional risk; and enable scalable, compliant AI use across the university. Full details are available in the documentation. Due to the academic timetable, there are limited opportunities in the year to implement with a target date of approximately April 2026.

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

- £2,000,000 excluding VAT
- £2,400,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

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

- 27 February 2026 to 1 April 2028
- Possible extension to 1 April 2031
- 5 years, 1 month, 3 days

Description of possible extension:

3 x 12 month extension options to be exercised at the Authority's discretion.

### **Options**

The right to additional purchases while the contract is valid.

nature of the solution is likely to evolve and change over the contract length and therefore the specification and deliverables are likely to change.

### **Main procurement category**

Services

### **Additional procurement category**

Goods

## **CPV classifications**

- 48000000 - Software package and information systems
- 72000000 - IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support

## **Contract locations**

- UKJ4 - Kent

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

Detailed in the PSQ that will be supplied at Preferred Bidder stage

### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

Detailed in the RFP documentation including all legislative and regulatory compliance.

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## **Submission**

### **Enquiry deadline**

9 January 2026, 12:00pm

## Submission type

Tenders

## Tender submission deadline

16 January 2026, 12:00pm

## Submission address and any special instructions

[https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance\\_s.asp?PID=101072&TID100106317&B=](https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/rwlenrance_s.asp?PID=101072&TID100106317&B=)

## Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

## Languages that may be used for submission

English

## Award decision date (estimated)

30 January 2026

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## Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	80%
Commercial	Price	20%

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## **Other information**

### **Description of risks to contract performance**

To be explored through clarification with selected bidder.

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

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## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Competitive flexible procedure

### **Competitive flexible procedure description**

The procedure is documented inside the Request for Proposal documentation.

### **Reduced tendering period**

Yes

State of urgency - minimum 10 days

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## Documents

### Documents to be provided after the tender notice

Login to <https://uk.eu-supply.com/login.asp?B=UniversityKent>

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## Contracting authority

### University of Kent

- Public Procurement Organisation Number: PDYN-9654-JPQJ

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Region: UKJ44 - East Kent

Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government

