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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

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.

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/rwlentrance_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

Award criteria

Name	Type	Weighting
Technical	Quality	80%
Commercial	Price	20%

Other information

Description of risks to contract performance

To be explored through clarification with selected bidder.

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

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

Documents

Documents to be provided after the tender notice

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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

