

## Networking – HE, Supply &amp; Services 2 (HENSS2) ITS2008NE (25228)

## SUMMARY

**Start date:** 6th June, 2023

**End date:** 5th June, 2025

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All Framework Suppliers are now signed up to the Contract (24/07/23).

CircleIT note - Circle IT Solutions Limited is the legal entity, nb they bid as Circle IT Solutions Ltd T/A ARO

## SCOPE

The purpose of this Framework Agreement is to provide a compliant route to market for the supply of Networking Equipment and Services through a framework for Higher Education Networking equipment and services, for the supply, installation, storage, maintenance, and repair of Networking Equipment and Networking Consultancy provision. See abridged scope document for further details.

This Framework Agreement was procured via the restricted procedure and a notice was issued on 07/06/2022 in the Find a Tender and the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) under reference FTS 2022/S 000-015665.

## AGREEMENT BENEFITS

- Cash savings are calculated at Framework level, based upon the difference between general market list price and the price being offered via the Framework agreement. Additional savings are also possible through further competition and committed aggregated spend for individual institutions
- Non-Cash savings: use of Framework for a complex procurement. Contract specifications are included in Framework specification.
- Compliance to all relevant legislation
- Provision to manage sustainable impacts via the Net Positives supplier action tool and UN Sustainability Code of Conduct
- Flexible call-off options
- Direct control of contract management and supplier reviews at consortia level. All supplier contact details are available via HEC
- Supply Chain benefit through inclusion of electronics watch terms and conditions
- Established HE Suppliers awarded to the framework
- Robust terms and conditions
- A New lease option for customer to benefit from

## USING THE FRAMEWORK

## SUPPLIERS

Lot	Suppliers
Lot 1 Equipment Only	CDW Ltd, Circle IT Solutions Ltd, European Electronique Ltd , ITGL, Insight Direct (UK) Ltd, Insight Direct UK plc, Logicalis Ltd, SCC (Specialist Computer Centres) plc, Softcat PLC, XMA Ltd ,
Lot 2 Non Core Networks Projects < 150k	CDW Ltd, Circle IT Solutions Ltd, European Electronique Ltd , ITGL, Insight Direct (UK) Ltd, Insight Direct UK plc, SCC (Specialist Computer Centres) plc, Softcat PLC, Stone Technologies Ltd, XMA Ltd ,
Lot 3 Core Networks Projects	CDW Ltd, Circle IT Solutions Ltd, European Electronique Ltd , ITGL, Insight Direct (UK) Ltd, Insight Direct UK plc, SCC (Specialist Computer Centres) plc, Softcat PLC, Stone Technologies Ltd, XMA Ltd ,
Lot 4 Consultancy Only	4C Strategies Ltd, PTS Consulting Partners LLP, UK Defence Networks Limited,

## SUSTAINABILITY

Net Positives use as a Condition. Supply Chain Code of Conduct sign up as a Condition. Sustainability and CSR weighted at 15% in the ITT evaluation plus all appropriate CSR and Social Value questions asked at SQ and ITT. Electronics Watch terms and conditions covering supply chain as a Condition.

## **NEXT STEPS**

Implementation meetings will be held with Suppliers during July / August, starting with those Suppliers who are new to the Framework.