

Data Centre Equipment & Infrastructure – Supply, Installation & Management (2024) (ITS2009NE)

SUMMARY

Start date: 14th February, 2024

End date: 13th February, 2026

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HE Framework for the Supply, Installation and Management of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure (2024).

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****Note 19th Feb 24 - all Framework Contracts have been signed by the awarded Suppliers.****

SCOPE

The purpose of this Framework Agreement is to provide a compliant route to market for the provision of any or all elements of the Supply, Installation, management, maintenance and disposal of Data Centre Management Equipment & Data Centre Infrastructure plus data centre related design and Consultancy. The Maintenance and management of existing Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure is also included plus disposal including the removal and recycling of Data Centre Management equipment and Infrastructure. Equipment and or Infrastructure may be required to existing or brand-new Data Centre environments, for example for fit out, for refurbishment, for relocation or for upgrade purposes. Equipment and Infrastructure includes Uninterrupted Power Supplies, cooling equipment, generators, gas & fire suppression systems, PDUs, server & network racks, cabinets, blanking panels, building management equipment, monitoring equipment, modular and mobile data centre infrastructure, edge/micro data centre Infrastructure, plus equipment and infrastructure as part of modular or prefab units, containerised / pre-fab units. This list is not exhaustive.

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, including 30% allowable variation to evaluation criteria for desktop exercise or mini-competition
 - 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 providing longevity and experience
 - Robust terms and conditions
- An updated specification

USING THE FRAMEWORK

[Refer to Buyers' Guide and ITT document.

Call-off from the Framework Agreement is by means of either Direct Award (ranked), Desktop Exercise or Further Competition. See Buyers Guide for full details.

SUPPLIERS

2BM Ltd, APT (Advanced Power Technology Ltd), Durata, Keysource Ltd, Sudlows Enterprise Services Limited, Upnorth Engineering Services Ltd, Workspace Technology Ltd,

SUSTAINABILITY

The award criteria Sustainability was given a 12.5% weighting to reflect its' importance for this commodity. Questions were chosen to be relevant to the specific area of expertise required in this tender and were a mixture of questions based upon standards, social value, and climate strategy.

Processes: This focused on reduction and disposal of waste and packaging and CO2 reduction. Carbon offsetting scheme is also covered here.

People: Focus on apprenticeships and local workforce utilisation.

Supply Chain: A number of Participating Consortia (including NEUPC) and individual institutions are affiliated to Electronics Watch and as such the successful Bidder(s) may be requested to disclose details of their supply chain for the products supplied under this agreement to those organisations calling off from the framework who are affiliated to Electronics Watch.

The requested information will allow Electronics Watch to ensure that the supply chain labour conditions for this agreement can be assessed and assure effective use of public funds. Electronics Watch Conditions of Contract were included in the ITT for Suppliers to agree to.

It is also expected that suppliers review, sign up to and return the Sustain Supply Chain Code of Conduct (SSCCoC) within one month of contract as a condition of award.

In addition to the questions asked, the ITT terms stipulated a requirement for all awarded suppliers to sign up to a Net Positive sustainability action plan and to assist institutions with Scope 3 calculations.

NEXT STEPS

Contracts are in the process of being signed