

## Networking - Supply &amp; Services ITS2001 NE (ITS2001NE)

## SUMMARY

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## SCOPE

This networking framework agreement includes the supply, installation, maintenance, repair, project services and consultancy. It has four lots:

- Lot 1 - Networking equipment only
- Lot 2 - Small to medium networking projects up to £1,000,000 in value
- Lot 3 - Large networking projects in excess of £1,000,000 in value
- Lot 4 - Networking consultancy only It may be used by any member institution of the UK Higher Education Purchasing Consortia, and Crescent Purchasing Consortium.

## AGREEMENT BENEFITS

- Significant potential cash savings can be achieved through this framework. Approved UKUPC Benefits reporting methodologies demonstrate that agreement users may benefit from between 7% and 39% in cashable savings across four lots.
- Benefit from substantially reduced timescales and a less burdensome administration process when awarding contracts. This is because the framework has been let using an EU compliant process which minimises your risk of litigation under EU law.
- Higher education (HE) institutions designed this framework to meet your needs.

## USING THE FRAMEWORK

You do not need to carry out a full EU tender but need to carry out a further competition with all of the suppliers on the relevant lot(s) that cover your requirements. The NEUPC website and Unibuy contracts database offer members the facility to e-mail all suppliers easily. Each institution will observe their own procurement rules and regulations when deciding which supplier will offer them best value. All contracts entered into on the basis of the framework shall be between your institution and the supplier. You must record and justify supplier selection. It is acknowledged that there will be certain pieces of work where the cost cannot be immediately identified i.e. work in the region of £800k to £1.2m. In such cases it is acceptable to invite all suppliers on Lots 2 & 3 to bid for the work. Suppliers cannot bid if their estimate falls in a range covered by a lot they have not been awarded to.

## SUPPLIERS

Lot	Suppliers
Lot 1 Networking Equipment only	BT PLC, DTP Group, European Electronique Ltd , H2O Publishing Ltd, Insight Direct UK plc, Logicalis Ltd, Pervasive Networks Ltd, Softcat PLC, XMA Ltd ,
Lot 2 Small to Medium Networking Projects up to £1,000,000 in value	BT PLC, DTP Group, European Electronique Ltd , Insight Direct UK plc, Logicalis Ltd, Pervasive Networks Ltd, XMA Ltd ,
Lot 3 Large Networking Projects in excess of £1,000,000 in value	BT PLC, DTP Group, Logicalis Ltd, Pervasive Networks Ltd, Softcat PLC, XMA Ltd ,
Lot 4 Networking Consultancy Only	4C Strategies Ltd, CDW Ltd, PTS Consulting Partners LLP, TNP (The Networking People), Waterstons Ltd,

## SUSTAINABILITY

NEUPC thoroughly examined suppliers regarding their approach to sustainability – with between 10 and 12 per cent of the overall scoring being allocated to this important area.

## NEXT STEPS

To use this framework visit the agreement page on the uniBuy contracts database at: <http://purchasing.uk-plc.net/buyerdotnet2/ContractAccess/Agreement.aspx?AgreementId=1662> From there, you can view the agreements, suppliers, supplier contact details, terms and conditions and a complete Buyers Guide. If you need assistance, please contact the person with responsibility for procurement at your institution, or contact NEUPC Procurement Manager Rachel Lunn at [r.lunn@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:r.lunn@leeds.ac.uk)  
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