SUMMARY

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End date: 30th April, 2021
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SCOPE

This framework covers the provision of servers, storage and solutions, including converged infrastructure and end to end solutions. It also includes soft services to support the delivery and implementation of these products and solutions.

This Agreement is split into 4 lots as follows:

Lot 1: Servers
Lot 2: Storage
Lot 3: Solutions - this is split into two sub-lots as follows:
  Sub Lot 3a – Converged, Hyper-Converged, Hybrid and Other solutions (excluding HPC and DIC)
  Sub Lot 3b – High Performance Computing (HPC) and Data Intensive Computing (DIC) Only
Lot 4: Reseller Solutions

AGREEMENT BENEFITS

- All hardware pricing includes a standard 3-year next business day fix on-site warranty
- Prices are held for 12 months and reviewed annually
- Provides compliance under EU Procurement Directives.
- Full software support is provided and facilitates access for Member Institutions and their buyers to obtain patches, bug fixes, new software releases and documentation (including BIOS firmware releases) as required.
- Schedules of rates have been provided for installation, commissioning and professional services allowing Member Institutions to manage service costs
- New lots for Solutions which allow Member Institutions to procure high value, technical solutions within the compute category such as converged, hyper-converged, high performance computing and hybrid solutions.
- New Reseller Led Solutions lot bringing more competition for high value, technical solutions within the compute category and allowing better management of deal registration.
- New Call off Contract for Institutions to use as template for contracting with suppliers
- Gives robust performance management by setting clear KPI's to be monitored over the life of the agreement.

USING THE FRAMEWORK

This framework agreement can be accessed by Advance Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC), Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales (HEPCW), London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC), North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium (NWUPC), North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC), Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC).

SUPPLIERS

MCSA now owned by Park Place Technologies have decided not to accept the 6 month extension and therefore will no longer be on the agreement after 30th November 2020.

ClusterVision are now part of the Taurus Group based in the Netherlands. Clustervision are no longer on this agreement.

Tectrade have now been acquired by Computer Systems Integration Limited (CSI).

OEM Led Solutions Lot which allows Members to procure high value, technical solutions within the compute category such as converged, hyper-converged, high performance computing and hybrid solutions.

Reseller Led Solutions Lot which brings more competition for high value, technical solutions within the compute category.
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<td>OEM Led Solutions - Converged, Hyper-Converged, Hybrid &amp; Other (excluding HPC &amp; DIC) (SSSNA Lot 3A)</td>
<td>Dell Computers Corporation Ltd, Fujitsu Services Ltd, Huawei Technologies, Lenovo Technology (UK) Ltd, XMA Ltd</td>
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<td>Reseller Led Solutions (SSSNA Lot 4)</td>
<td>CDW Ltd, CSI Ltd (Tectrade), Insight Direct UK plc, Logicalis Ltd, Maindec Computer Solutions, OCF, Q Associates, SCC (Specialist Computer Centres) plc, Softcat, Stone Computers Ltd (T/A Stone Technologies Ltd), XMA Ltd</td>
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<td>Servers (SSSNA Lot 1)</td>
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<td>Dell Computers Corporation Ltd, Fujitsu Services Ltd, HPE Ltd, Huawei Technologies, Lenovo Technology (UK) Ltd, Netapp UK Ltd</td>
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**SUSTAINABILITY**

Sustainability is an important element for this agreement and therefore a large selection of questions covering buying sustainably, supply chain sustainability and organisational sustainability was assessed. For further details on the questions asked see HEC.

**NEXT STEPS**

To start taking advantage of this agreement please visit the Servers, Storage and Solutions National Agreement on HEC. From there you can view the suppliers, supplier contact details, terms and conditions and a complete buyer’s guide.

If you need assistance, please contact the person with responsibility for procurement at your institution, or contact SUPC ICT Category Manager at t.purdue@reading.ac.uk.