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**United Kingdom-Liverpool: Computer-related professional services  
2016/S 231-421843**

**Contract notice**

**Services**

Directive 2004/18/EC

**Section I: Contracting authority**

**I.1) Name, addresses and contact point(s)**

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L3 9PP Liverpool  
United Kingdom  
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**Internet address(es):**

General address of the contracting authority: <http://www.gov.uk/ccs>  
Address of the buyer profile: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk>

**Further information can be obtained from:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**Specifications and additional documents (including documents for competitive dialogue and a dynamic purchasing system) can be obtained from:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**Tenders or requests to participate must be sent to:** The above mentioned contact point(s)

**I.2) Type of the contracting authority**

Ministry or any other national or federal authority, including their regional or local sub-divisions

**I.3) Main activity**

Other: public procurement

**I.4) Contract award on behalf of other contracting authorities**

**Section II: Object of the contract**

**II.1) Description**

**II.1.1) Title attributed to the contract by the contracting authority:**

Quality Assurance (QA) and Testing for IT Systems.

**II.1.2) Type of contract and location of works, place of delivery or of performance**

Services  
Service category No 7: Computer and related services  
Main site or location of works, place of delivery or of performance: Primarily in the UK with some limited requirements overseas.  
NUTS code UK

**II.1.3) Information about a public contract, a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system (DPS)**

The notice involves the establishment of a framework agreement

**II.1.4) Information on framework agreement**

Framework agreement with several operators

maximum number of participants to the framework agreement envisaged: 999

**Duration of the framework agreement**

Duration in months: 36

**Estimated total value of purchases for the entire duration of the framework agreement**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 110 000 000 GBP

**II.1.5) Short description of the contract or purchase(s)**

Crown Commercial Service as the Contracting Authority is putting in place a Pan Government Collaborative Framework Agreement for use by UK public sector bodies identified at VI.3 (and any future successors to these organisations), which include Central Government Departments and their Arm's Length Bodies and Agencies, Non Departmental Public Bodies, NHS bodies and Local Authorities.

This procurement will provide access to a range of services such as:

— QA & Test Delivery Ownership: responsibility for, and coordination of, all aspects of QA and Test across the business, programme and or project. Includes making QA and test rules, planning; choice of tools; and team leader.

— QA & Test Analysis: analysis, design and execution: covering a variety of test activities, test types and methods. For example, compatibility testing, accessibility testing, functional testing (including exploratory techniques).

— Test Engineering: developing and delivering test automation outlines and services. Typically working as part of a DevOps capability within an Agile development environment. Increasingly, QA & Test specialists are part of and co-located with the development and scrum teams.

— Non-Functional Testing: design and execution of tests to cover non-functional needs, including load & performance and operational acceptance.

— Integration testing: covering the strategy, planning and execution for complex, large scale technical integration testing.

— Assurance: to understand and mitigate risk during third party-led test activities, typically when working in waterfall delivery cycles or legacy contractual environments.

— Consultancy: to provide technical reviews at project, programme or departmental/business unit level to form best QA & Test practices.

Crown Commercial Service reserves the right for an electronic auction to be held by Public Sector bodies during further competition among the parties to the Framework Agreement(s).

**II.1.6) Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

72590000

**II.1.7) Information about Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)**

The contract is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA): yes

**II.1.8) Lots**

This contract is divided into lots: yes

Tenders may be submitted for one or more lots

**II.1.9) Information about variants**

Variants will be accepted: no

**II.2) Quantity or scope of the contract**

**II.2.1) Total quantity or scope:**

Estimated value excluding VAT: 110 000 000 GBP

**II.2.2) Information about options**

Options: no

II.2.3) **Information about renewals**

II.3) **Duration of the contract or time limit for completion**

**Information about lots**

Lot No: 1

Lot title: QA and Testing (QAT) specialists

1) **Short description**

Providing access to a flexible and cost effective pool of QA & Test specialist professionals bought 'as a service' capable of delivering services across the full life cycle.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 2

Lot title: Automation, Agile & DevOps

1) **Short description**

To develop and implement text automation regimes, typically to support cost effective continuous release methods with an agile or DevOps environment.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 3

Lot title: Load & performance Testing

1) **Short description**

To determine how systems perform against specific performance needs and comparative baselines, including under load & stress.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 4

Lot title: Functional Testing

1) **Short description**

Establish and manage an appropriate level of testing in line with programme delivery plans, validation and verification of a system against specifications and requirements.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 5

Lot title: Infrastructure Testing and Environments

1) **Short description**

To determine whether system infrastructures are performant, including network provisioning and hosting across LAN, WAN and cloud infrastructures.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 6

Lot title: Operational Acceptance Testing and DR

1) **Short description**

Focusing on operational readiness of the system, including Service Readiness Testing, resilience and disaster recovery.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 7

Lot title: QA and Testing (QAT) Management

1) **Short description**

To coordinate and manage all aspects of QA and Test across the life cycle. Potentially to also include the ownership (test design and execution) of integration testing.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

Lot No: 8

Lot title: Strategic QA Consultancy

1) **Short description**

To provide strategic consultancy support across all aspects of the test and SDLC life cycles and wider QA elements where appropriate.

2) **Common procurement vocabulary (CPV)**

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3) **Quantity or scope**

4) **Indication about different date for duration of contract or starting/completion**

5) **Additional information about lots**

**Section III: Legal, economic, financial and technical information**

III.1) **Conditions relating to the contract**

III.1.1) **Deposits and guarantees required:**

Participants will be advised if this is necessary during the procurement. Parent Company and / or other guarantees of performance and financial liability may be required by Crown Commercial Service if considered appropriate.

III.1.2) **Main financing conditions and payment arrangements and/or reference to the relevant provisions governing them:**

III.1.3) **Legal form to be taken by the group of economic operators to whom the contract is to be awarded:**

No special legal form is required but if a contract is awarded to a consortium, the Contracting Authority may require the consortium to form a legal entity before entering into the Framework Agreement.

III.1.4) **Other particular conditions**

The performance of the contract is subject to particular conditions: no

III.2) **Conditions for participation**

III.2.1) **Personal situation of economic operators, including requirements relating to enrolment on professional or trade registers**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the Directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an Invitation to Tender ('ITT'). This procurement will be managed electronically via the Crown Commercial Service's e-Sourcing Suite. To participate in this procurement, participants must first be registered on the e-Sourcing Suite.

If you have not yet registered on the e-Sourcing Suite, this can be done online at <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> by following the link 'Supplier e-Sourcing Registration'. Please note that, to register, you must have a valid DUNS number (as provided by Dun and Bradstreet) for the organisation which you are registering, who will be entering into a contract if invited to do so. Full instructions for registration and use of the system can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/esourcing-tool-guidance-for-suppliers>

Once you have registered on the e-Sourcing Suite, a registered user can express an interest for a specific procurement. This is done by emailing: [ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:ExpressionOfInterest@crowncommercial.gov.uk)

Your email must clearly state: the name and reference for the procurement you wish to register for; the name of the registered supplier; DUNS number; and the name and contact details for the registered individual sending the email. Crown Commercial Service will process the email and then enable the supplier to access the procurement online via the e-Sourcing Suite. The registered user will receive a notification email to alert them once this has been done. As a user of the e-Sourcing Suite you will have access to the Emptoris messaging service which facilitates all messages sent to you and from you in relation to any specific RFX event. Please note it is your responsibility to access these messages on a regular basis to ensure you have sight of all relevant information. For technical assistance on use of the e-Sourcing Suite please contact Crown Commercial Service Support Desk email: [eEnablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk](mailto:eEnablement@crowncommercial.gov.uk) Responses must be published by the date in IV.3.4

Note that, this procurement is using SID4GOV to tender. You must register or update your account there to submit a tender.

III.2.2) **Economic and financial ability**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met: Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the Directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an Invitation to Tender ('ITT').

The ITT can be accessed at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> using the instructions detailed in III.2.1.

**III.2.3) Technical capacity**

Information and formalities necessary for evaluating if the requirements are met:

Candidates will be assessed in accordance with Section 5 of the 2015 Public Contract Regulations (implementing the Directive) on the basis of information provided in response to an Invitation to Tender ('ITT').

The ITT can be accessed at: <https://gpsesourcing.cabinetoffice.gov.uk> using the instructions detailed in III.2.1.

The Contracting Authority may have regard to either or both of the following means in its assessment:

(a) a description of the technical facilities and measures used by the supplier or service provider for ensuring quality and the undertakings digital development facility;

(b) an indication of the proportion of the contract which the services provider intends possibly to subcontract.

**III.2.4) Information about reserved contracts**

**III.3) Conditions specific to services contracts**

**III.3.1) Information about a particular profession**

Execution of the service is reserved to a particular profession: no

**III.3.2) Staff responsible for the execution of the service**

**Section IV: Procedure**

**IV.1) Type of procedure**

**IV.1.1) Type of procedure**

Open

**IV.1.2) Limitations on the number of operators who will be invited to tender or to participate**

**IV.1.3) Reduction of the number of operators during the negotiation or dialogue**

**IV.2) Award criteria**

**IV.2.1) Award criteria**

The most economically advantageous tender in terms of the criteria stated in the specifications, in the invitation to tender or to negotiate or in the descriptive document

**IV.2.2) Information about electronic auction**

An electronic auction will be used: no

**IV.3) Administrative information**

**IV.3.1) File reference number attributed by the contracting authority:**

RM3810

**IV.3.2) Previous publication(s) concerning the same contract**

no

**IV.3.3) Conditions for obtaining specifications and additional documents or descriptive document**

Payable documents: no

**IV.3.4) Time limit for receipt of tenders or requests to participate**

6.1.2017 - 12:00

IV.3.5) **Date of dispatch of invitations to tender or to participate to selected candidates**

IV.3.6) **Language(s) in which tenders or requests to participate may be drawn up**

English.

IV.3.7) **Minimum time frame during which the tenderer must maintain the tender**

in days: 180 (from the date stated for receipt of tender)

IV.3.8) **Conditions for opening of tenders**

Date: 6.1.2017 - 12:01

Place:

Electronically, via web-based portal

#### **Section VI: Complementary information**

VI.1) **Information about recurrence**

This is a recurrent procurement: yes

Estimated timing for further notices to be published: Estimated: currently 6-12 months.

VI.2) **Information about European Union funds**

The contract is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: no

VI.3) **Additional information**

Framework term: The duration of the Framework Agreement will be a maximum of 3 years, with the first term being 2 years, with a further possible multiple extensions up to a maximum of 3 years in total.

Potential suppliers should note that, in accordance with the UK Government's policies on transparency, Crown Commercial Service intends to publish the Invitation to Tender (ITT) document and the text of any Framework Agreement awarded, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of Crown Commercial Service. The terms of the proposed Framework Agreement will also permit a public sector contracting authority, awarding a contract under this Framework Agreement, to publish the text of that contract, subject to possible redactions at the discretion of the contracting authority. Further information on transparency can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-and-contracting-transparency-requirementsguidance>

The Contracting Authority expressly reserves the right (i) not to award any contract as a result of the procurement process commenced by publication of this notice; (ii) to award specific Lots ahead of and / or prior to other Lots and (iii) to make whatever changes it may see fit to the content and structure of the tendering competition; and in no circumstances will the Contracting Authority be liable for any costs incurred by the candidates. If the Contracting Authority decides to enter into a Framework Agreement with successful suppliers, this does not mean that there is any guarantee of subsequent contracts being awarded. Any expenditure, work or effort undertaken prior to contract award is accordingly a matter solely for the commercial judgement of potential suppliers. Any orders placed under this Framework Agreement will form a separate contract under the scope of this Framework between the supplier and the specific requesting other contracting body. The Contracting Authority and other contracting bodies utilising the Framework reserve the right to use any electronic portal during the life of the agreement.

The duration referenced in Section II.1.4 is for the placing of orders.

The value provided in Section II.1.4 is only an estimate. We cannot guarantee to suppliers any business through this Framework Agreement.

Crown Commercial Service wishes to establish a Framework Agreement for use by the following UK public sector bodies (and any future successors to these organisations): Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations that can be accessed at the Public Sector Classification Guide:

Home Office

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide>

Please note Central Government departments may be subject to Government Digital Service approval before using the Framework Agreement.

Local Authorities <http://openlylocal.com/councils/all>

[www.ubico.co.uk](http://www.ubico.co.uk) Agent acting on behalf of Cheltenham Borough Council.

NDPBs <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations> National Parks Authorities [http://](http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk/)

[www.nationalparks.gov.uk/](http://www.nationalparks.gov.uk/)

Educational Establishments in England and Wales, maintained by the Department for Children, Schools and Families including Schools, Universities and Colleges but not Independent Schools <http://www.education.gov.uk/edubase/home.xhtml>

Police Forces in the United Kingdom [http://www.police.uk/?view=force\\_sites](http://www.police.uk/?view=force_sites)

<http://apccs.police.uk/about-the-apcc/>

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<http://www.fireservice.co.uk/information/ukfrs>

<http://www.nifrs.org/areas-districts/>

<http://www.firescotland.gov.uk/your-area.aspx>

NHS Bodies England

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AcuteTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/MentalHealthTrustListing.aspx> <http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/CareTrustListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/AmbulanceTrustListing.aspx> <http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/SpecialHealthAuthorityListing.aspx>

<http://www.nhs.uk/ServiceDirectories/Pages/OtherListing.aspx>

Hospices in the UK <https://www.hospiceuk.org/about-hospice-care/find-a-hospice>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/find-charities/>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk/search-charity-register/>

<http://www.charitycommissionni.org.uk/manage-your-charity/register-your-charity/registration-list-and-expression-of-intent-form/>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

[www.cas.org.uk](http://www.cas.org.uk)

<http://www.citizensadvice.co.uk/>

Scottish Public Bodies

The Framework Agreement will be available for use by any Scottish Public Sector Body: the Authority; Scottish Non-Departmental Public Bodies; offices in the Scottish Administration which are not ministerial offices; crossborder public authorities within the meaning of section 88(5) of the Scotland Act 1998; the Scotland Office; the Scottish Parliamentary Corporate Body; councils constituted under section 2 of the Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994 (except where they are acting in their capacity as educational authority); Scottish joint fire boards or joint fire and rescue boards; Scottish joint police boards or any successor National Police or Fire Authority; Scottish National Park authorities, bodies registered as social landlords under the Housing (Scotland) Act 2001, Scottish health boards or special health boards, Student Loans Company Limited, Northern Lighthouse Board, further or higher education institutions being fundable bodies within the meaning of section 6 of the Further and Higher Education (Scotland) Act 2005 any public body established by or under the Scotland Act 1998 or any Act of the Scottish Parliament, any association of or formed by one or more of the foregoing, bodies financed wholly or mainly by one or more of the foregoing, bodies subject to management supervision



by one or more of the foregoing and bodies more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, being appointed by one or more of the foregoing.

Scottish Government

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Home>

Scottish Parliament

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/abouttheparliament/27110.aspx>

Scottish Public Services Ombudsman

Scottish Information Commissioner

Commissioner for Children and Young People in Scotland

Scottish Commission for Human Rights

Commission for Ethical Standards in Public Life in Scotland

Standards Commission for

Scotland Scottish Local Authorities

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/About/Government/councils>

<http://www.scotland-excel.org.uk/home/Aboutus/Ourmembers/Associate-members.aspx>

Scottish Agencies, NDPBs

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/public-bodies/about/Bodies>

Scottish NHS Bodies <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Health/NHS-Workforce/NHS-Boards>

Scottish Further and Higher Education Bodies <http://www.universities-scotland.ac.uk/index.php?page=members>

[http://www.sfc.ac.uk/aboutus/council\\_funded\\_institutions/WhoWeFundColleges.aspx](http://www.sfc.ac.uk/aboutus/council_funded_institutions/WhoWeFundColleges.aspx)

Scottish Police

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/your-community/>

Scottish Housing Associations [http://www.sfha.co.uk/component/option,com\\_membersdir/Itemid,149/view,membersdir/](http://www.sfha.co.uk/component/option,com_membersdir/Itemid,149/view,membersdir/)

The Scotland Office

<http://www.scotlandoffice.gov.uk/scotlandoffice/33.30.html>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations) — Scotland [http://www.esystems.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/register/reg\\_pub\\_dsp.search](http://www.esystems.scottishhousingregulator.gov.uk/register/reg_pub_dsp.search)

Scottish Schools

Primary Schools

<http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/scottishschoolsonline/index.asp?schoolsearchstring=&addresssearchstring=&authority=&strTypes=isprimaryschool&bSubmit=1&Submit=Search>

Secondary Schools

<http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/scottishschoolsonline/index.asp?schoolsearchstring=&addresssearchstring=&authority=&strTypes=issecondaryschool&bSubmit=1&Submit=Search>

Special Schools

<http://www.ltscotland.org.uk/scottishschoolsonline/index.asp?schoolsearchstring=&addresssearchstring=&authority=&strTypes=isspecial&bSubmit=1&Submit=Search>

Scottish Public Bodies

National Records of Scotland

Historic Scotland

Disclosure Scotland

Registers of Scotland

Scottish Qualification Authority  
Scottish Courts Service  
Scottish Prison Service  
Transport Scotland  
The Scottish Government Core Directorates  
Highlands and Islands Enterprise  
Crown Office & Procurator Fiscal Service  
Scottish Police Authority  
National Museums of Scotland  
Scottish Children's Reporter Administration  
Scottish Enterprise  
Scottish Environment Protection Agency  
Scottish Legal Aid Board  
Scottish Natural Heritage  
Skills Development Scotland  
Visit Scotland  
Aberdeen City Council  
Aberdeenshire Council  
Angus Council  
Argyll and Bute Council  
City of Edinburgh Council  
Clackmannanshire Council  
Comhairle nan Eilean Siar  
Dumfries and Galloway Council  
Dundee City Council  
East Ayrshire Council  
East Dunbartonshire Council  
East Lothian Council  
East Renfrewshire Council  
Falkirk Council  
Fife Council  
Glasgow City Council  
Highland Council  
Inverclyde Council  
Midlothian Council  
Moray Council,  
The North Ayrshire Council  
North Lanarkshire Council  
Orkney Islands Council  
Perth and Kinross Council  
Renfrewshire Council  
Scottish Borders Council  
Shetland Islands Council  
South Ayrshire Council  
South Lanarkshire Council

Stirling Council  
West Dunbartonshire Council  
West Lothian Council  
Central Scotland Fire and Rescue Service  
Dumfries and Galloway Fire and Rescue Service  
Fife Fire and Rescue Service  
Grampian Fire and Rescue Service  
Highlands and Islands Fire and Rescue Service  
Lothian and Borders Fire and Rescue Service  
Strathclyde Fire and Rescue Service  
Tayside Fire and Rescue Service  
Golden Jubilee Hospital (National Waiting Times Centre Board)  
NHS 24  
NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
NHS Borders  
NHS Dumfries and Galloway  
NHS Education for Scotland  
NHS Fife  
NHS Forth Valley  
NHS Grampian  
NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde  
NHS Health Scotland  
NHS Highland  
NHS Lanarkshire  
NHS Lothian  
NHS Orkney  
Healthcare Improvement Scotland  
NHS Shetland  
NHS Tayside  
NHS Western Isles  
Scottish Ambulance Service  
The Common Services Agency for the Scottish Health Service  
The State Hospital for Scotland  
Aberdeen College  
Adam Smith College  
Angus College  
Annie'sland College  
Ayr College  
Banff and Buchan College  
Barony College  
Borders College  
Cardonald College  
Carnegie College  
Central College of Commerce  
Clydebank College

Coatbridge College  
Cumbernauld College  
Dumfries and Galloway College  
Dundee College  
Edinburghs Telford College  
Elmwood College  
Forth Valley College  
Glasgow College of Nautical Studies  
Glasgow Metropolitan College  
Inverness College  
James Watt College  
Jewel and Esk College  
John Wheatley College  
Kilmarnock College  
Langside College  
Lews Castle College  
Moray College  
Motherwell College  
Newbattle Abbey College  
North Glasgow College  
North Highland College  
Oatridge College  
Orkney College  
Perth College  
Reid Kerr College  
Sabhal Mor Ostaig  
Shetland College  
South Lanarkshire College  
Stevenson College  
Stow College  
West Lothian College  
Edinburgh College of Art  
Edinburgh Napier University Glasgow  
Caledonian University Glasgow  
School of Art Heriot-Watt University  
Queen Margaret University  
Robert Gordon University  
Royal Scottish Academy of Music and Drama  
Scottish Agricultural College  
UHI Millennium Institute  
University of Aberdeen  
University of Abertay Dundee  
University of Dundee  
University of Edinburgh  
University of Glasgow

University of St Andrews  
University of Stirling  
University of Strathclyde  
University of the West of Scotland  
Cairngorms National Park Authority  
Office of Scottish Charity Regulator  
Forestry Commission Scotland  
Audit Scotland  
Welsh Public Bodies  
National Assembly for Wales, Welsh Assembly Government and Welsh Local Authorities, and all bodies covered by:

<http://www.assembly.wales/en/abthome/Pages/abthome.aspx>

<http://gov.wales/about/civilservice/structure/?lang=en>

NHS Wales

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/ourservices/directory>

Housing Associations — Registered Social Landlords Wales

NI Public Bodies

Northern Ireland Government Departments

<http://www.northernireland.gov.uk/gov.htm>

Northern Ireland Public Sector Bodies and Local Authorities

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

Schools in Northern Ireland <http://www.schoolwebindex.com/countries/northernireland.php?letter=M>

Universities in Northern Ireland

[http://www.university-directory.eu/United-Kingdom-\(UK\)/Department-of-Education-for-Northern-Ireland-DENI.html](http://www.university-directory.eu/United-Kingdom-(UK)/Department-of-Education-for-Northern-Ireland-DENI.html)

Health and Social care in Northern Ireland

<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=hospitals>

<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=boards>

<http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=agencies> <http://www.hscni.net/index.php?link=councils>

Northern Ireland Housing Associations <https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

Police Service of Northern Ireland

<http://www.psni.police.uk/index.htm>

Any corporation established, or a group of individuals appointed to act together, for the specific purpose of meeting needs in the general interest, not having an industrial or commercial character, and

(i) financed wholly or mainly by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice;

(ii) subject to management supervision by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice; or

(iii) more than half of the board of directors or members of which, or, in the case of a group of individuals, more than half of those individuals, are appointed by another contracting authority listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice

(iv) an association of or formed by one or more of the Contracting Authorities listed above in this section VI.3 of this notice

Entities which are not public sector bodies may also use the Framework Agreements if the Authority is satisfied that:

— such entity is calling-off goods and services directly, solely and exclusively in order to satisfy contractual obligations to one or more public sector bodies, all of which are entitled to use the Framework Agreements on their own account;

— all goods to be called-off by it are to be used directly, solely and exclusively to provide energy at sites occupied by such public sector body(ies); and

— it will pass the benefit of the call-off contract to such public sector body(ies) directly, in full and on a purely 'pass-through' basis. Accordingly there must be no mark-up, management fee, service charge or any similar cost solely in relation to the supply of energy imposed on the relevant public sector body(ies), who must be able to benefit from the terms of the Framework Agreements in a like manner and to the same extent as if using the Framework Agreements on its/their own account.

From 2.4.2014 the Government has introduced Government Security Classifications (GSC) classification scheme to replace the previous Government Protective Marking Scheme (GPMS). A key aspect of this is the reduction in the number of security classifications used. All potential suppliers should make themselves aware of the changes as it may impact on this Requirement. The link below to the Gov.uk website provides information on the new GSC: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-security-classifications>.

VI.4) **Procedures for appeal**

VI.4.1) **Body responsible for appeal procedures**

VI.4.2) **Lodging of appeals**

Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: Precise information on deadline(s) for lodging appeals: There is no right of appeal in this procurement. If you have a complaint or seek to challenge the outcome, then you are referred to the CCS website: Please seek your own legal advice.

VI.4.3) **Service from which information about the lodging of appeals may be obtained**

VI.5) **Date of dispatch of this notice:**

25.11.2016