

Statement

EDT is responsible for the Government Gateway and has an intelligent client function. EDT has put in place a framework agreement for access to niche specialists, this will support EDT's response to the changing role of the Government Gateway and support the Transformational Government agenda.

The Framework will operate for 4yrs, until November 4th 2011

The suppliers on the Framework are as listed:

Actica Consulting Ltd
2ergo
Clicks & Links
Consignit
Detica
Infoshare Limited
Insight Test Services
Mason
Oxford Computing
SAIC
Siemens plc.
Software AG
Solidsoft
SunGard Vivista
Symantec-LIRIC Ltd
Tribal
Valtech Ltd
Vizuri Ltd

Key Dates:

OJEU issued	April 2007
Supplier Briefing	15 th May 2007
Proposals Received	22 nd May 2007
Evaluation of proposals	May/July
Main Negotiations	July/October 2007
Framework Signed	5 th November

What is the Framework

A catalogue of suppliers who can support Cabinet Office EDT throughout a process of concepts initiation, development of fully tested prototypes, demonstrators, and assessment of whether a bespoke solution can be productised. It is sensitive to concerns on Intellectual Property and risk transfer which impacts on liabilities and insurance. Other Public Sector organisations that choose to use the framework may do so through the use of a Memorandum of Understanding.

Objective of the Framework

Not Restrictively Marked

To provide access to niche specialists to assist with proof of concepts and prototypes as it considers the role of Government Gateway and similar cross government applications in the Transformation Government agenda.

Who are the suppliers

Suppliers who have demonstrated agility, technical innovation and collaborative working, specialists in niche areas of ICT.

The areas of cover are

Suppliers applied for, any combination of, and were assessed under four Lots:

Lot1 – Strategic Consultancy

Lot2 – Technology

Lot3 – Specialist Data Services


Lot4 – Security Testing and Verification

Lots the Suppliers are on the Framework for

The following is a list of the suppliers, and the Lots they are available for, under the Framework:

Company	Lot 1	Lot 2	Lot 3	Lot 4
Actica Consulting Ltd				
2ergo				
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Infoshare Limited				
Insight Test Services				
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Future Publicity

We intend to have a mainstream campaign using specialist media such as Computer Weekly, at this time, it is our intention to work with suppliers to formulate a joint marketing approach for the Framework.

Relationship with the Cabinet Office Flex

Flex is a framework to provide ICT as a shared service across the public sector for medium or long term support contracts. Pygmalion is intended to provide ICT proof of concepts and prototypes which have a short shelf life but are important to get clear thinking around the technical implications for taking forward shared service assets and transformational government generally.

Relationship to OGC

The authors of the Framework template for contracting with ICT suppliers have been consulted on Pygmalion and they are comfortable that this does not conflict with the OGC vision for holistic frameworks such as Catalist.

Relationship to PUK

Partnerships UK have maintained interest throughout the procurement and are interested in taking forward potential wider market use from the outputs of Pygmalion work.