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The Schools Commercial Team (SCT) within DfE has reviewed a wide range of deals. These have been assessed for compliance with procurement regulations, ease of use, suitability and value for money. We've also considered feedback from schools already using the deals.

The SCT will continue to review and add to the list of recommended deals.

We're always keen to hear about your experience using these deals, to help us and our partners improve the experience for schools. Please send comments to schools.commercial@education.gov.uk.

1. Energy and utilities

Framework	Description	Benefits	Provider
Energy deals and water supplies	Electricity, gas and water deals available for all publicly funded schools, including academies and free schools, electricity deal is ongoing, water deal runs until 15 March 2020	In excess of 10% saving on schools' utility bills, quick and simple to use with direct awards and aggregation available	CCS

Loans to fund energy saving schemes	An interest free loan available to all local-authority-maintained schools and grant-aided schools to carry out energy saving improvements to their premises, including insulation and LED lighting, open for applications throughout the year	Schools can pay back the loan entirely from savings on their energy bill	Salix
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2. ICT

Framework	Description	Benefits	Provider
ICT services for education	Deal allowing all schools and academies to purchase IT services, hardware and related infrastructure to meet their individual needs, runs until 26 April 2019	Specialises in education settings, support from Crown Commercial Services with a mini-competition	CCS
Desktop hardware	Agreement for the supply of a wide range of ICT equipment and supporting services, runs until 17 January 2020	Quick and easy with online quotes, offers substantial savings on IT brands	CPC
ICT, cloud, support and related services	Educational cloud services specifically designed for the needs of schools, academies and other learning centres, runs until 12 August 2018	Quick and easy online quotes, call off process, direct awards and aggregation available, can assist with further competition	ThinkIT

3. Printers, copiers and multi-functional devices (MFDs)

Framework	Description	Benefits	Provider
Photocopiers, printers and scanners	Deal for all schools and publicly funded institutions to purchase photocopiers, printers and scanners (multi-functional devices, MFDs) at a nationally negotiated rate, runs until 25 October 2020	Schools report savings of around 40%	CCS

4. Insurance

Framework	Description	Benefits	Provider
Risk protection arrangement for academy trusts	An alternative to commercial insurance for academies, underwritten by the government, opt in immediately or up to 12 months in advance	Easy opt-in, £20 per pupil taken direct from general annual grant	Government
Insurance	Provision of commercial insurance for schools, runs until 30 June 2020	Easy to use, supported service, direct award available, and can advise on insurance services not covered by DfE's risk protection arrangement	CPC

5. Audit services

Framework	Description	Benefits	Provider
Audit	Audit service deal tailored for academies and schools,	Direct award or further competition available with quick	CPC

6. Soft facilities management

Framework	Description	Benefits	Provider
Building cleaning services	Deal for provision of building cleaning services, runs until 22 March 2019	Easy to use, quick access, DBS-checked personnel, expert support	CPC

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