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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
Energy efficiency improvements from Retrofit	Suppliers to complete improvement projects including insulation, heating and energy systems, energy efficient lighting, windows and doors, runs until 7 September 2019	Regionally appointed suppliers, single or fully integrated solutions	Fusion 21

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 March 2021	Quick and easy online quotes, call off process, direct awards and aggregation available, can assist with further competition	ThinkIT
ICT solutions and supply network infrastructure	Deals for a range of networking equipment and support services, runs until 31 January 2019	Quick and easy access, online quotation tool	CPC
Software licences and associated services for academies and schools	Software licenses and associated supporting services, runs until 9 August 2020	Quick and easy to use, contract manager assistance and support	CPC

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
Photocopiers, printers and scanners with toners included	Photocopiers, printers and scanners (multi-functional devices, MFDs) from a range of suppliers including Sharp, Epson and Ricoh, runs until 31 March 2021	Request a quote online, direct award for orders under £10,000, A4 and A3 printers at the same price, no minimum billing and all toners are included	Kent County Supplies
Photocopiers.	Photocopiers, printers and scanners (multi-functional	Easy access to compliant consultancy	CPC

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devices, MFDs) that includes all types of managed print services, free of charge site visits services, runs until 18 December 2019

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 services	Audit service deal tailored for academies and schools, runs until 4 December 2020	Direct award or further competition available with quick online RFQ (request for quote) tool	CPC
Spend analysis and recovery services	Services to help schools identify and recover supplier overpayments, overcharges or missed discounts and rebates, runs until 15 January 2020	No win, no fee, minimal resource needed from the school, direct award and further competition options available	CCS

6. Facilities management and estates

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
Portable appliance and fixed wire testing (PAT)	Suppliers for portable appliance and fixed wire testing, runs until 31 March 2019	Quick and easy to use, choice of regional and national pre-approved suppliers, free quote tool	CPC
Construction consultancy services	Suppliers providing estates, facilities and capital consultancy services across a wide range of property specialisms, runs until 31 March 2022	Potential savings of 10-15%, choose between regional and national providers, flexible contract arrangements and additional services	NHS SBS

7. Books and materials

Framework	Description	Benefits	Provider
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Books and materials	Deals for curriculum materials including fiction and non-fiction books, ebooks, DVDs, CDs and education software, runs until 31 August 2019	Discounts of up to 41% on some titles with no minimum orders and direct award options available	Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation
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8. Recruitment

Framework	Description	Benefits	Provider
Hiring supply teachers and agency workers	Suppliers available for hiring of all temporary and fixed term teaching and non-teaching staff for schools, colleges or other educational establishments within the public sector such as an academy, trust, nursery, pupil referral unit, children centre or further education institution, across the UK. Independent schools (for-profit) are not able to access the deal. The deal runs until 28 August 2020.	Transparent mark-ups. Avoid temp-to-perm fees. Completed background and safeguarding checks. Consistent and agreed terms and conditions. Suppliers audited and accredited.	Crown Commercial Service

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