The PC Framework is an arrangement which simplifies the purchase of high quality PCs at very competitive rates. It is now available to all schools across Ireland. This is a legally compliant arrangement, which was developed under EU public procurement regulations. It was established by the Department of Finance.

In consultation with the Department of Education and Skills, and specifically with the NCTE, a technical specification has been identified for a School PC. This competitively priced PC should meet the requirements of most schools and is recommended as suitable for the majority of school day to day tasks. Four qualified suppliers have proposed such a PC, ceiling prices for these are listed below.

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Note 1: Prices are inclusive of PC, 17” TFT Monitor, Warranty (3 years Next Business Day Onsite Countrywide including full parts and labour cover), and VAT.

Note 2: The PCs are capable of running Microsoft Windows 7, see the third page of this document for more detailed specifications.

Note 3: If the technical specification of the School PC does not meet your requirements, please refer to the following NCTE website link: http://www.ncte.ie/ICTAdviceSupport.
How to Buy a PC:
You email a Request for Quote (RFQ) to pcframework@gov.ie (this email will be forwarded to all 4 suppliers). An RFQ email template is presented below. Suppliers will respond with prices (prices will not be higher than the ceiling prices listed above). You then evaluate the responses and select a winner based on your award criteria.

Framework Rules:
1. You must treat all of the suppliers fairly and equally.
   You must specify your requirements in a non-discriminatory way and solicit a quote from all suppliers. NB: Vendor names or technologies (such as Pentium, AMD, Dell, HP, Lenovo, PCP etc) cannot be used in specifying what is required. Likewise the name or speed of the processor chip required eg Intel Dual Core @2.0GHz, or AMD Athlon @2.0Ghz cannot be specified as they don’t allow all vendors to respond. Emails to pcframework@gov.ie will be forwarded to all approved vendors.
2. You must allow the suppliers sufficient time to respond to a Request for Quote (RFQ).
   You must allow suppliers a reasonable amount of time to submit a response. For a simple mini-competition (e.g. buying 10 School PCs with no variation in the spec or additional services), a minimum of 3 full working days is recommended. More complex mini-competitions (e.g. drawdown agreements) should be given at least 2 to 3 full working weeks.
3. You must be open and transparent with regard to how you will select the winning quote.
   When issuing an RFQ you should clearly state the criteria you will apply to select the winner. Purchases of Schools PCs are usually based on cost. Cost has been used in the RFQ email example. However, if you want more flexibility in choosing a supplier, the framework allows you to apply any or all of the following criteria:

   • Suitability for Intended Use
   • Cost
   • Special Requirements
   • Delivery Conditions
   • Excess over minimum Specification
   • Environmental Considerations
   • References attesting to the quality of products and services

   Note: Under EU procurement law the responsibility for observing these rules lies with you, the customer

RFQ Email Template:
Please see below for an example of an email request. Emails to pcframework@gov.ie are for PCs only, i.e. not for Laptops or other equipment.

To: pcframework@gov.ie
Subject: Request For Quote (School PC)

Dear Supplier,
Please quote for [Quantity] School PCs as per the PC Framework.
The closing date for quotes is 5pm on [Date].
Any contracts arising from this request for quote will be awarded on the basis of the following Award Criteria:

Cost [percentage %],
[insert other criteria here along with percentages% or delete if not applicable] . E.g. ‘Suitability for Use 20%, (Total % must be 100%)'.
The anticipated award date is [Date].
Regards
[Main Contact Name, School Name, Roll No., School Address, Ph No.]
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**Items Offered as Standard:**
- Warranty (3 years Next Business Day Onsite Countrywide including full parts and labour cover);
- Standard Operating System installed is Microsoft Windows 7; 19” Flat Screen Monitor;
- Prices are € and Include VAT @ 23%.

* In addition to the Windows 7 Operating System, customers may also order alternative Operating Systems such as, Linux etc.
### Associated Products:
In addition to the Personal Computers, the Framework also covers products associated with them. Examples of Associated Products which may be purchased under the PC Framework are listed below.

- **Monitors**
  - 17" (standard or adjustable), 19" (standard or adjustable), 20" or larger TFT  
- **Speakers**
- **Wireless Keyboard and Mouse**
- **128MB Graphics Adapter**
- **USB Memory Key**

Please note that this is not an exhaustive list of associated products that is available under the PC Framework: essentially you can buy any item that is associated with the supply or ongoing operation of a Framework PC.

If you wish to buy Associated Products through the PC Framework, all you have to do is specify your requirement in your Request for Quote.

### Associated Services:
The Framework also covers associated services related to PCs. Some examples of these are given below.

- **Unpacking & Packaging Removal Service**
  - Whereby equipment bought through the Framework is delivered to the installation point in the Customer’s premises, unpacked by the Vendor’s agent and all packaging relating to the delivered item(s) is taken from the Customer’s premises for disposal by the Vendor’s agent.

- **Installation, Unpacking & Packaging Removal Service**
  - Whereby equipment bought through the Framework is delivered to the installation point in the Customer’s premises, unpacked by the Vendor’s agent, installed for the Customer’s use by the Vendor’s qualified agent and all packaging relating to the delivered and installed item(s) is taken from the Customer’s premises for disposal by the Vendor’s agent.

- **Repair Services**
  - Whereby faulty PCs and associated products, whether purchased through the Frameworks or not, are removed from the Customer’s premises by the Vendor’s agent and repaired.

- **Disposal Services**
  - Whereby obsolete PCs and associated products, whether purchased through the Frameworks or not, are removed from the Customer’s premises by the Vendor’s agent and disposed of in a secure manner and in accordance with all relevant legislation. Tenders should not be sought for any removals which are provided free of charge further to the WEEE Directive.

- **Image Deployment**
  - Whereby the vendor or vendor’s agent will deliver a PC bought through the Framework with an agreed software image pre-installed.

- **Buy-back or Trade-in**
  - Whereby the vendor or vendor’s agent will buy back equipment bought through this Framework or allow a trade-in value off the cost of new equipment for existing equipment."

The costs of these services will vary depending on the number of PCs involved, and some of the vendors require a minimum number of purchases for some of them. If you wish to avail of one or more of these services then all you have to do is specify your requirement in your Request for Quote.

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**For Support and Assistance:**
The NCTE can be contacted with any queries regarding the ICT Framework agreements:

- **Name:** NCTE
- **Email:** info@ncte.ie
- **Website:** [http://www.ncte.ie/ICTAdviceSupport/Purchasing](http://www.ncte.ie/ICTAdviceSupport/Purchasing)

If you have any questions on how to buy School PCs using the PC Framework contact the NCTE at info@ncte.ie. Further information and guidance on procurement matters, specifically ICT procurement arrangements, i.e. PCs, Notebooks, Mono and Colour Printers is available on the NCTE website at: [http://www.ncte.ie/ICTAdviceSupport/Purchasing](http://www.ncte.ie/ICTAdviceSupport/Purchasing).