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Your ref: Email on 16 February 2010
Our ref: R00198

Freedom of Information Request – IT Procurement

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request, dated 16 February 2009, concerning IT Procurement.

Your request to SEEDA is:

“I would like to request a complete list of suppliers/contractors and consultants that have been used over the past year when procuring I.t hardware and the total spend on i.t hardware during the past financial year.

I would also like to request full details of the person(s) who conduct the i.t purchasing there.”

Information Requested

We always use Catalist registered suppliers for purchasing hardware, hiring contractors or consultants. Catalist is a national public sector procurement framework; details can be found at <http://www.buyingsolutions.gov.uk>.

Over 95% of our hardware equipment (server, networking devices and desktops) were purchased from MISCO (a division of Systemax Europe Ltd) during 08/09. The remaining equipment was purchased using other Catalist suppliers. During 08/09 we also used MISCO for most of our IT consultancy work.

Segment	Spend	Comments
Laptops	£30,000	95% HP 5%Sony
Servers	£230,000	All are HP Servers (includes Blade Servers).
Desktops	£3000	All are HP Desktops
Networking Devices	£10000	Cisco Switches

Information Withheld

We are not at liberty to provide you with the answer to your question about full personal details of persons who conduct the IT purchasing. This information is exempt from the Freedom of Information Act 2000 under paragraph 14 (2) – Data Protection. To disclose such information without consent of the person concerned would make SEEDA liable to criminal prosecution.

I would suggest that you review SEEDA’s website on procurement where you will find all the relevant information (<http://www.seeda.co.uk/about-us/procurement-and-tender-opportunities>). The Group Executive Director with overall responsibility for procurement and resources is Oona Muirhead (oonamuirhead@seeda.co.uk).