

## UPC IT tender published

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This week the UK Intellectual Property Office published the tender notice on the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) inviting expressions of interest from suppliers. The notice sets out the three procurement lots: hosting, website and case management/eFiling, with suppliers invited to submit their expression of interest through completion of a Pre-Qualification Questionnaire (PQQ) on the IPO's 'e' [tendering portal](#). The UK IPO plans to evaluate the PQQ responses in February and issue Invitations to Tender to shortlisted suppliers shortly thereafter.

The tender exercise should result in a flexible system that can be configured quickly and easily to respond to court requirements and that can combine easily with other software that the UPC or hosting states will need to provide to support the effective functioning of the Registry and the Court's divisions. Hosting states will need to provide devices and software for court staff and judges, and the IT Working Group is following a 'bring your own device' approach so as not to restrict the options available to hosting states, or external users.