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## **Procurement for the Supply of UKLight SDH Equipment**

### **Clarification Note 1**

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**Question:**

The OR states that the SDH equipment must integrate with the existing Ciena equipment. Does this mean that any alternative must interoperate in a stand-alone fashion with the current equipment or does it mean that any alternative must also be capable of being fitted into existing Ciena chassis?

**Answer:**

Under the current procurement directives, it is not permissible for UKERNA to mandate the supply of one particular brand of equipment in procurement such as this. Suppliers are able to offer alternative equipment so long as they can demonstrate that it provides the same functionality.

However suppliers should note that the equipment they choose to supply must provide the same functionality as the existing Ciena equipment. It must run an operating system directly compatible with the Ciena OS and be capable of being fully integrated into the existing Ciena network management systems. Any line cards must fit into the existing Ciena shelves and provide exactly the same functionality as the installed Ciena equipment.