



Welcome to the latest issue of our newsletter for August 2009. It covers up-dates on the contracting teams activities, the next CPD session, NVQ availability, and commodity groups. If you require additional details regarding any item contained in the newsletter, please contact any of the members of staff.

Contracting Update

Stationery

We have short listed 4 suppliers for the tender stage, returns are due back on the 7th Augst 2009. The new Framework Agreement will be in place for the 1st January 2010.

Office Furniture

This tender process has been cancelled, further information will follow soon.

Computer Consumables

We have short listed 5 suppliers for the tender stage; returns are due back on the 1st September 2009. The new framework agreement will be in place on the 1st January 2010.

Networking Solutions

NEUPC have awarded a Framework Agreement for Networking Solutions and Consultancy. The agreement starts on the 1st August 2009, further details are available on the NWUPC website.

Tool & Lifting Equipment Hire

We have updated and renewed the above agreement for the above with Brandon Hire. The agreement started on the 8th July 2009 and runs until the 30th April 2010, further details are available on our website.

Recycling Bins

The evaluation and site visits to the suppliers have now been completed. The framework agreement has now been awarded to 4 suppliers, details of which will be available on the NWUPC website shortly. A special thank you goes out to all the sub-group members for their hard work. The sub-group members were Simon Atkinson (University of Manchester) Angela Connolly (Edge Hill University) and Adrian Davies (CPC).

Forthcoming contracts

As part of the ongoing work of the joint contracting programme we will be looking to establish framework agreements in the following areas:

- Lift Maintenance
- Removals and Crate Hire
- Lecture Theatre Seating
- Flooring
- Design and Installation of Signage

- Clinical and Chemical Waste
- Fixed Wire Testing
- Sports Equipment and Clothing

CPD Training Session

Advanced Contract Law

The next CPD training session is on Advanced Contract Law on the 18th September 2009 at the University of Salford. Presented by Mike Keane, this is a follow up session to Mike's hugely popular session in December 2008 and takes delegates to a higher level of understanding. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Introduction to Procurement

This session was held in the Adelphi Building at UCLan on the 23rd August 2009. The session was presented by Jo Kavanagh and covered the basic aspects of the procurement function. As the feedback from delegates was very positive, Mike Haslin is considering running this session again during 2010.

CiPS Introductory Certificate in Purchasing and Supply Level 2

Congratulations to David Low and Cathy Hayton from Edge Hill University. David and Cathy have achieved the CIPS Introductory Certificate in Purchasing and Supply L2, both had outstanding results.

NVQs

NWUPC continue to receive accreditation from Edexcel to deliver NVQs in Supply Chain Management levels 2, 3, 4 and 5, please contact David Lamb for further information.

Commodity Group Update

This semester has seen some prestigious venues for Commodity Group Meetings kicking off with our Estates meeting at the Management Centre, Bangor University and continuing with a trip across the water to University of Ulster's modern York Street campus situated adjacent to the impressive St Anne's Cathedral in the heart of Belfast. We were given a typically warm Irish welcome and a full report on our visit including an interview with the university's Deputy Procurement Manager, Ronan Rafferty, will be included in our main Newsletter in the autumn.

Another momentous occasion was our Telecommunications Meeting in July at Liverpool John Moores University. The planned video link to delegates who were unable to attend did not come off due to technical difficulties but we were still lucky enough to hold the meeting at the new £25 million Academy of Art and Design on the institution's Mount Pleasant Campus. The building is a joint venue with the city's Tate Gallery and the large lecture theatre will also host such things as fashion shows and art exhibitions.

Thanks to everyone who attended the recent Group Chairs and Deputies Meeting at Manchester's Chancellors Conference Centre. We just managed to finish the official photographs before the rain came down but hopefully everybody found it a useful and informative meeting and a good opportunity to exchange ideas.