



Welcome to the December issue of our newsletter. It covers updates on the contracting team's activities, CPD sessions, NVQ availability and commodity groups. If you require additional details regarding any items contained in this newsletter, please contact any member of staff

NWUPC Office Move

We have moved to our new Manchester offices, the new address is NWUPC Ltd, Albert House, 17 Bloom Street, Manchester M1 3HZ. Further information will be made available once all the details have been finalised.

Contracting Update

Furniture Contract

The closing date for the return of the PQQs was the 27 November 2009, there was a high level of interest and the sub-group are in the process of evaluating all returns.

Stationery Contract

This has been awarded to Lyreco UK Ltd., starting on the 1 January 2010 for three years plus an optional one year extension. The contract offers an enhanced core list with significant savings.

Fixed Wire Testing

The initial sub-group meeting took place on the 23 November 2009 to agree the content of the specification which is now in the process of being written.

CPD Training Sessions

Financial and Supplier Appraisal

This session was held on the 12 November 2009 and was presented by Jenny Radcliffe. The delegates are now equipped to undertake a basic assessment of a supplier's financial position.

Contract Law

This session is being held on the 4 December 2009 the University of Salford and is presented by Mike Keane. The session will provide delegates with an introduction to the legal aspects of procurement and cover the key areas of contract law.

Remedies Directive

The University of Manchester is the venue for the Remedies Directive session being held on the 14 January 2010. Institutions in the UK are required to transpose the new Remedies Directive no later than the 20th December 2009. Flo Gregg, the presenter,

will explain the new legislation, and explore areas where your institutions may be at risk of challenge and how to minimise this happening.

Effective Specification Writing

Avoid supply relationship difficulties and quality problems by the production of well-written specifications. This session will tackle the issues head-on and giving practical advice and examples to help you produce effective specifications. It is being held on the 18 January 2010 at the University of Salford and will be presented by Jenny Radcliffe.

NVQs

The Supply Chain Management NVQ programme continues at levels 2, 3, 4, and 5, further information can be obtained by contacting David Lamb at david.lamb@liverpool.ac.uk

Commodity Groups

Just a reminder to all Telecommunication Group representatives, that our next meeting will be held at Manchester Metropolitan University on Friday 4 December 2009. The meeting will include a presentation by THUS, one of the 12 suppliers on the Buying Solutions Voice Calls and Lines agreement.

Congratulations

Our congratulations go to NWUPC's Angela Wilson, for her dedication, commitment and hard work in successfully completing the Springboard and Manchester Gold Mentoring Programme. Angela is to be presented with an award at the STDU Annual Awards Ceremony on the 17 December 2009 which is being held at the Barnes Wallis Restaurant in the Sackville Street Campus.

SNUPI Agreements

SNUPI Fruit & Vegetables Contract

SNUPI awarded this contract on 06 November 2009. The contract period will be from 11 January 2010 to 10 January 2012 (with the option to extend annually to 10 January 2014). There are 13 nominated suppliers on the framework agreement.

SNUPI Innovative Catering Concepts Contract

A brand new Innovative Catering Concepts Contract was advertised on the 30 September 2009 and the Pre Qualification Questionnaire's were evaluated by the Evaluation Committee on Monday 23 November 2009

SNUPI Drinking Water and Related Services Contract

On 30 October 2009 we advertised the re-tender for Water Dispensers and Related Services, on behalf of CPC, NWUPC and NEUPC members as well as all SNUPI members, as a restricted procedure. The contract will include the supply of mains plumbed in, water fountains and bulk (18.7 litres) bottled water.