

# North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium Ltd



The warm weather has helped to spur everyone on here at the Consortium. Our Contracting Team are working hard on the renewal of our three biggest contracts - Stationery, Office Furniture and Computer Consumables. Our CPD programme is proving to be as popular as ever and bookings are now being taken for our next session: Introduction to Procurement - held by Jo Kavanagh at the University of Central Lancashire. Please contact Sue Wilson for more details - [Sue.wilson@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Sue.wilson@manchester.ac.uk)

## Contracting Update

### Computer consumables

The analysis of the recent Pre - Qualification Questionnaires is well underway. A meeting was held on the 18th June to agree the award criteria for the tender documents which are to be issued on the 17th July.

### Stationery

Pre - Qualification Questionnaires have been evaluated, tender documents will be issued on the 1st July 2009.

### Recycling Bins

Presentations for the Recycling Bins tender were held at Edge Hill on the 22nd and 23rd of June and included how the potential suppliers would manage the Framework Agreement, with Questions and Answers that followed.

Thanks goes out to the sub group involved for all their hard work - Simon Atkinson (University of Manchester), Angela Connolly (Edge Hill University) and Adrian Davies (CPC).

## Commodity Group Update

The annual meeting of Commodity Group Chairs took place on Thursday 18th June at the Chancellors Conference Centre, University of Manchester. This was an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas and pass on new information and changes to procedure. Paul Tomany took the opportunity to introduce NWUPC's Strategy Paper from 2010 to 2015 and the whole event was captured by official University photographer Steve Devine. Our sincere thanks to all office bearers

who attended and we hope you found the day very informative.

Another first for Commodity Groups as the Domestic Group had their first meeting at University of Ulster's Belfast campus. There was a good turn-out at the university's impressive city centre site dedicated to Art and Design, located adjacent to the landmark St Anne's Cathedral. A warm Irish welcome was given to the members who had travelled from the mainland and the meeting included a demonstration on cleaning materials by Will Healy of Vermop. We would encourage all group members to try their best to attend meetings held at our Northern Ireland institutions as it can only serve to strengthen our valued links with the province.

## CPD Update

Negotiation Tactics received very positive feedback with plenty of practical tips given. The afternoon commenced with role play to enable delegates to put into practice the theories they learnt during the morning session. To ensure a place on the next training session, Introduction to Purchasing at UCLan, please book early by contacting Sue Wilson on [Sue.wilson@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:Sue.wilson@manchester.ac.uk).

## Training Update

We are delighted to offer our congratulations to Jo Kavanagh for her success in being awarded a Master of Business Administration.

Jo is to attend Liverpool Hope University's Graduation Ceremony on 16 July 2009. The Ceremony is to be held at Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral.