



Welcome to the September 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.

Contracting Update

AV Equipment (Lot 1: Supply and Delivery) and AV Installations (Lot 2: Supply, Delivery and Installation)

The PQQ stage for both lots has been completed and the successful suppliers have been invited to participate in the ITT stage which closes on the 10 October 2011.

High Value Laboratory Equipment

Work is continuing on these agreements, and an up-date will be appear in the October edition of our e-newsletter.

Cleaning Chemicals and Janitorial Supplies

The PQQ stage for the Cleaning Chemicals and Janitorial Supplies agreement closed yesterday with 15 returns. Analysis will beginning on this stage, the agreement is due to start on 1 January 2012.

PPE

Full details of the new CPC framework agreement are now available on our website. The new agreement started on the 8 August 2011 and runs until the 7 August 2014 with the option to extend for an additional 12 month period.

Lift Consultancy

This agreement starts today, five suppliers have been appointed as follows: Lerch Bates Ltd, Dunbar & Boardman, Ramboll UK Ltd, WSP UK Ltd, Cundall Johnston & Partners Ltd. This agreement runs from 1 September 2011 to 31 August 2014 with the option to extend to 31 August 2015. A Buyers Guide and contact details will be available on NWUPC website and GeM.

Plumbing, Ceramics, Heating and Ventilation Equipment and Supplies

The above agreement started on the 1 August 2011 until the 31 July 2013 with the option to extend for 2 X 1 year periods. There are three suppliers on the agreement; full details are available on our website.

White Goods

The White Goods and Associated Electrical Appliances agreement has now been awarded to six suppliers and starts today 1st September until 31st August 2014 with the option to extend to 31st August 2015. The suppliers on the Framework are Comet, Hardman Isherwood, Inman Electrical, L. Whitaker & Sons, Peel Mount, and Stearn Electric. All the details will be available on the NWUPC website and GeM.

PPI Envelopes

Work on drafting the documents is almost complete, and the agreement is on schedule to be advertised within the next two weeks.

NUWPEC

Work is scheduled to commence on the NUWPEC agreements during September.

CPD Programme 2011/2012

Our CPD programme for 2011/2012 starts with a session at the University of Salford covering Sustainable Procurement. The presenter is Jae Mather, and it will build on the session Jae presented at our annual conference.

To register for any of our CPD sessions click on the 'training' option on our website and then select 'register online'.

Details of the programme up to December 2011 are detailed below:

Date	Session	Presenter	Venue
20/09/2011	Sustainable Procurement	Jae Mather	Salford
18/10/2011	Effective Contract Management	J Radcliffe	Chester
29/11/2011	EU Procurement Directives	F Gregg	Manchester
06/12/2011	EU Procurement Directives Masterclass	G Fletcher	Salford

COUP

Members of the NWUPC team will be attending COUP at the University of St. Andrews over the 6th, 7th and 8th of September 2011 and look forward to seeing you there.

Commodity Groups

Just a reminder that the deadline for submission of the Commodity Group Surveys has now been extended to Friday 9th September 2011 to take into account holiday breaks. Thank you to all those who have already sent in their comments – we have had a great response – but would still like to increase the numbers.

Feedback on what members want out of Commodity Group Meetings is vital to ensure we are running to maximum efficiency. After the closing date all the responses will be collated and discussed at the Extraordinary Strategy Meeting at the University of Manchester on Tuesday 11th October 2011 which will be attended by Heads of Procurement and Commodity Group Chairs.

The autumn round of Commodity Group Meetings will kick off on Wednesday 28th September 2011 at Glyndwr with the Estates Group and it is hoped that we can arrange a presentation on Solar Power for this as several of our members have expressed an interest in the subject.

On the subject of Meetings, the draft Schedule for 2012 has now been sent out to Group Chairs and Heads of Procurement for approval. Once all the dates/venues have been agreed this will be circulated to Commodity Groups and a copy uploaded onto the home page of NWUPC's website.