



Welcome to the August 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

Fixed Wire Testing

The deadline for the receipt of the supplier's completed ITT returns was the 2 August 2010. The completed returns are currently being evaluated, and this process will be completed by 30 August 2010.

Toilet Tissue

The ITT evaluation will be completed by early August and the framework will be in place to commence on the 1 September 2010.

Furniture

The documentation has been issued for the ITT stage of the tender process. The closing date for their return is the 13 August 2010.

CPD Sessions

The last session of the current CPD programme was held at the University of Salford on the 19 July 2010 and covered Tender Evaluation, and was presented by Florence Gregg.

The 2010/2011 CPD programme commences on the 16 September 2010 with Sustainable Procurement presented by Shirley Lewington at Manchester Metropolitan University. Our CPD programme brochure will be available during August and full details will be on our website.

NVQs

The Supply Chain Management NVQ 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

The recent Heads of Procurement meeting was the first one hosted by the new Procurement Manager at Liverpool Hope, Sheila Smith. There was some lively debate on the new Spending Challenge and proposals for increased collaboration to implement this, which was continued at the Furniture Group Meeting the following week where a couple of the Heads, Ian Ross and Shaun McDonald, were also present. Paul Tomany has asked members for their ideas on how we can work together as a Consortium to meet the new challenges.

The final meeting of the summer terms was the Telecommunications held at Staffordshire University and despite the attendance not being the best we have ever enjoyed, the meeting was very productive. Thanks to all those who did make it on the day.

Our autumn season of meetings kicks off on Wednesday 29 September 2010 at Liverpool John Moores University when Shaun has kindly arranged for an in-house presentation from their Facilities Management Team.

The meeting schedule for 2011 is work in progress and the first draft will be circulated to Heads of Procurement in the near future.

Retirement – Jo Kavanagh

After a decade of stalwart service to the consortium where Jo has made a very significant contribution, not only as manager of the training programme but also in the development and growth of the consortium. It is our pleasure, tinged with regret to inform you of Jo's retirement.

We are sure that the hundreds of people Jo has trained, and all who have worked with her will join the central team in wishing Jo all the very best for the future, having said that, Jo will still be involved with any strategic projects over the next six months.

New staff

Rosemary Hill, National Working Party Administrator has moved on to pastures new and has left SUPC. The new NWP Administrator is Amanda Ownsworth (likes to be known as Mandy) and she commenced her employment on 12 July 2010. Along with Brenda Hird, the two NWP Administrators are now based at the Manchester offices of NWUPC.