



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

### AV Equipment and AV Installations

Work continued on the evaluation of the Pre Qualification Questionnaire returns. The sub group will be short listing the potential suppliers shortly to take through to the Invitation to Tender stage.

### Sanitary Disposals and Related Products and Services

The above framework agreement has now been awarded to six suppliers over two lots as outlined below. This framework agreement runs from the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 until the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2014 with the option to extend for a further year.

This is now a national framework available to NWUPC, NEUPC, CPC, APUC, SUPC, LUPC and HEPCW.

This agreement has been awarded in lots as follows:

Suppliers	Lot 1 Total Bin Removal	Lot 2 Liner Removal
Concept		✓
Initial	✓	
OCS	✓	
PHS	✓	✓
Pristine		✓
Shorrock Trichem		✓

A copy of the Buyers Guide has been circulated and will be available shortly on the NWUPC website

### High Value Laboratory Equipment

The High Value Laboratory Equipment framework agreements were advertised on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 2011. This project will be broken down into 6 individual framework agreements as follows:

- Transmission Electron Microscopes
- Sequencers
- Scanning Electron microscopes
- NMR Mass Spectrometers
- MRI Scanners
- Diffraction Apparatus

Each framework agreement will be split into 3 lots, Products, Maintenance and Servicing, and Related Consumables and Accessories.

### Cleaning Chemicals and Janitorial Supplies

The Framework Agreement for Cleaning Chemicals and Janitorial Supplies was advertised on 26<sup>th</sup> July 2011. This agreement is due to commence on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012.

## Photographic Equipment and Consumables

The Framework Agreement for Photographic Equipment and Consumables has now been awarded to the following companies: Calumet, Keyphoto and Warehouse Express. The Framework begins on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 for 3 years with the option to extend for a further year. Details of the suppliers can be accessed on NWUPC website and a buyer's guide will be available shortly.

## Plumbing, Ceramics, Heating and Ventilation Equipment and Supplies

The evaluation has been completed, and the framework agreement will be awarded to the following suppliers, BSS, Jewson t/a Graham and Wolseley. The new agreement will commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011. Details will be available on our website.

## PPI Envelopes

Work on drafting the documents will be completed w/c 25<sup>th</sup> July 2011, and the OJEU advertisement will be placed w/c 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011

## CPD Programme 2011/2012

Sustainable Procurement is our first CPD session of the 2011/2012 programme is being held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the University of Salford. The session is presented by Jae Mather and is aimed at people wishing to understand how to minimise the impact on the environment by the use of sustainable procurement methods and techniques.

## Congratulations

Congratulations go to the NWUPCs Deputy Director Mike Haslin who has successfully completed his MBA at the University of Birmingham – well done Mike.

## Commodity Groups

Detailed below is the revised commodity group schedule for the autumn meetings. Please note the swapping of dates with the AV and Domestic Group as well as venue changes for the Catering, Furniture and Lab meetings.

<b>Commodity Group</b>	<b>Autumn</b>
Heads of Procurement	16 November Central Lancs
Audio Visual	9 November Salford
Catering	12 October Liverpool JMU
Computer	21 October Cumbria
Domestic Supplies and Services	5 October MMU
Estates	28 September Glyndwr
Furniture and Soft Furnishings	25 November Broadstock Macclesfield
Laboratory	2 November SLS Wilford
Stationery and Office Equipment	28 October Central Lancs
Telecommunications	2 December Bolton

For our final commodity group meeting of the academic year we went to Liverpool for the Telecommunications group. Our host Graeme Roberts gave a very informative presentation on the university's gateway and afterwards those members who so wished could have a tour of the installation.

Meetings have now finished for the summer recess, commencing again at the end of September with the Estates Group. We will be taking the opportunity to send out the surveys on the way forward for commodity groups and would urge all members to take a couple of minutes to complete this as your feedback is vital to us and your assistance with this much appreciated. We hope to hold an extraordinary meeting in October to discuss the findings of our survey.