



Welcome to the February 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**

### **Refuse Sacks**

The ITT evaluation was completed on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011 and the successful suppliers will be informed on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The agreement is scheduled to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

### **Tool Hire**

The Tool Hire agreement PQQ stage is in the process of being evaluated by the sub-group. This stage will be completed by the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011, and then successful suppliers will then be invited to participate in the ITT stage. The new agreement is on schedule to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

### **Lift Consultancy**

The closing date for the PQQ stage was the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2010, supplier returns are currently being evaluated. The scheduled date for inviting the successful suppliers to take part in the ITT stage is 25<sup>th</sup> February 2011 and the agreement is scheduled to commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011.

### **Photographic Equipment and Consumables**

The closing date for the return of the PQQ stage was the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2011. The returns are currently being evaluated and the successful suppliers will be notified of the outcome by the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011. This agreement is scheduled to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

### **White Goods**

Work has commenced on the new white goods framework agreement, and it is scheduled to be advertised on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The new agreement will start on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 and run for two years with an option to extend for an additional 2 x 1 year periods.

### **Sanitary Disposal and Related Products**

Work has also started on this agreement and the OJEU advertisement is scheduled to be placed on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The agreement is for 3 years plus an option to extend for one additional year if required. The agreement is to be in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

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

The OJEU advertisement has been placed and the closing date for the suppliers to return their PQQ documents is the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2011. The PQQ evaluation period will be completed by the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011. The agreement is to be in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011.

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## NWUPC Annual Conference

The Consortium team are busy planning the programme for the Annual Conference which will take place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April at the University of Manchester. The Conference will be held in the Renold Building which is part of the Sackville Street Campus, five minutes' walk from Piccadilly railway station.

Procurement staff within HE are under increasing pressure to deliver savings and the Conference programme will include sessions that look at ways in which this can be achieved. This is also your opportunity to meet with the suppliers. The Conference venue has a large exhibition area and attracts suppliers from across all commodity areas.

The Conference is FREE to staff from NWUPC member institutions; further information will be issued in the near future, in the meantime please make a note of the date in your diaries.

## CPD Sessions

Our CPD session in February is being held on the 8<sup>th</sup> at the Liverpool John Moores University and covers PQQ construction. The presenter is Flo Gregg, and the session will be presented in a workshop style, with groups working on practical examples to explore the application and understanding of the approaches used. Enrolment details are available on our website.

Over the next 2 to 3 months we will be planning the CPD programme for 2011/2012, so if you have any suggestions e.g. topics, venues etc. Please contact David Lamb at [david.lamb@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:david.lamb@liverpool.ac.uk)

## 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](mailto:david.lamb@liverpool.ac.uk)

## Commodity Groups

Congratulations to Gillian Edwards from MMU on the birth of her baby girl, Miya just before Christmas. We will miss Gillian at Catering Group meetings while she is on maternity leave and wish her all the best from Central Team.

Good wishes also go to Gordon Duerden who has recently retired from University of Central Lancs. Gordon was an integral part of our Computer Group and did excellent work on the committee responsible for the National Desktop and Notebook Agreement.

Attendance at Commodity Group meetings so far has been well above average and at the Catering Group meeting at Edge Hill we were treated to a 'tasting' from a local cheese producer, Bertelin Farmhouse Cheese who already supply to the likes of Harper Adams. The group find presentations from suppliers very useful and decided this is something they would like to take place at every future meeting. We welcomed Angela Church from Bangor to her first meeting along with Paul Fowler and Andy Coverdale from UCLAN and look forward to them becoming regulars at our meetings.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February the University of Salford is the venue for our next Computer Group meeting. The guest presenter will be Tony Ryan from Insight Direct UK, a supplier on the national ITRAP agreement (IT Related Accessories and Parts) so we are looking forward to a good turnout on the day.