



Welcome to the June 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**

### **Examination Answer Books**

The framework agreement has now been awarded to 4 suppliers, it commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 until the 30 June 2013 with the option to extend for an additional year. Full details will be on our website w/c 5 July 2010.

### **Fixed Wire Testing**

We have completed the PQQ stage and advised the unsuccessful suppliers. The successful suppliers have been invited to the next stage (Invitation to Treat).

### **Cleaning Chemicals and Janitorial Supplies**

New prices have been agreed with the suppliers, full details are available on our website.

### **Tool Hire Agreement**

A new agreement has been finalised with the two suppliers. This comes into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010 and runs for one year. Details are available on our website.

### **Toilet Tissue**

The PQQs are due back on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010, and the sample evaluation is to take place in the NWUPC offices on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

## **CPD Sessions**

Our next session is Tender Evaluation on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at the University of Salford. And the presenter is Florence Gregg. The course is aimed at those who are involved in tendering or those who wish to learn more about evaluation techniques and will cover the key areas of tender evaluation.

We are in the process of organising our CPD programme for 2010/11 and details will be available in our new CPD brochure and on also our website during August 2010.

## **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)

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## Commodity Groups

On the catering front, I am sad to report that Angelo Presti a long standing and popular member of the group has now left Staffordshire University. Due to personal circumstances Angelo wished to spend more time with his family. We will miss him and his lively input at meetings and hope to recognise his contribution to the group at some time in the future.

On Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June the University of Liverpool hosted a Supplier Exhibition at which the Consortium had a stand. Thank you to all delegates who attended and visited the NWUPC stand manned (or peopled?) by Mike, Jane and Judith. David Johnson gave an excellent presentation at lunchtime on the importance of using contracted suppliers and giving details of the new multiple lot Intra Regional Laboratory Consumables contract. Everyone was very pleased with the turnout and the day was a great success.

Still on all things Laboratory, a very productive group meeting was held recently at Glyndwr University. High on the agenda was the new intra-regional deal to come into effect in August and also the possibility of accessing the LUPC deal for Laboratory Equipment. We had a very informative presentation from New Brunswick regarding the energy efficient use of -80 degree freezers. Thanks to all members who attended on the day.

The Domestic Group meeting took place in the beautiful surroundings of the Management Centre in Keele Village. We welcomed Linda Degg, the new representative from Staffordshire who kindly got straight into the spirit of things by volunteering to sit on the Sub-Group for the forthcoming Refuse Sacks tender. This is following in the Staffordshire tradition as the previous Chairman, Alan Tunnicliffe, managed this contract until his retirement in 2008.

## Green Gown Awards

Congratulations from from Paul and the team at NWUPC to all our members who won awards or were commended at the above awards:

### Green ICT

Winner: University of Liverpool  
Highly Commended: Warrington Collegiate

### Skills

Highly Commended: Keele University

### Student Initiatives and Campaigns

Highly Commended: Lancaster University Students' Union

### Sustainable Construction and Refurbishment

Highly Commended: Harper Adams University College