



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**

### **Furniture**

The date for the return of the ITT submissions was on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and the evaluation process has been started. It is anticipated this will be completed by week commencing the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2010. The new agreement is due to start on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010.

### **Fixed Wire Testing**

The evaluation of the ITT stage has now been completed, and the contract award letters will be issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010 to the successful suppliers once the standstill period has passed. The agreement is scheduled to start on the 18<sup>th</sup> October 2010.

### **Toilet Tissue**

Award letters went out on the 18<sup>th</sup> August 2010 for the Toilet Tissue framework. Six suppliers have been awarded the framework: Alliance Disposables, Arrow County, GPP Hygiene, Georgia Pacific, Kimberly Clark and Bunzl Cleaning & Hygiene Supplies. The supplier implementation meetings take place on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 and the framework starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010 for 2 years with the option to extend for two years. (1 year + 1 year).

### **Refuse Sacks**

The current agreement ends on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2011, and work has started on the new agreement. Commitment forms have been issued to member institutions, and the sub group are drafting the agreement documentation. The advertisement will be placed on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2010, and the new agreement commences on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011.

### **White Goods**

The current framework has been extended until August 2011. Work has commenced on the new tender to be in place for the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011.

### **Water Purification**

Work continues on the national tender for water purification consumables and servicing of equipment.

### **Financial Reporting**

As reported in our June issue of the e-newsletter, we now use Creditsafe to obtain financial information for all our framework agreements. All suppliers on our framework agreements are monitored on a quarterly basis, and the results are now available on our website, via the home page.

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## CPD Sessions

The 2010/2011 CPD programme has been finalised, and has been circulated to members. If you wish to view the programme please see our website.

The first session of our 2010 CPD programme starts on the 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010 with Shirley Lewington presenting Sustainable Procurement. This session is being held in the Council Chambers at Manchester Metropolitan University. This is a practical session, which will give delegates the chance to develop their plan to achieve sustainable targets.

The 24<sup>th</sup> September 2010 is the date of our second CPD session covering 'an introduction to contract law' presented by Mike Keane in the Innovation Centre at the University of Salford. This session is aimed at delegates new to procurement, or who have procurement as part of their job description, it covers how a contract is formed, battle of the forms, Sale of Goods and Services Act 1982 and an outline of EU procurement directives.

## 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

The draft version of the Commodity Group Meeting Schedule for 2011 has now been produced and circulated to Heads of Procurement and Group Chairs. Once this has been fully approved the final version will be posted on our website. We are grateful to all our member institutions for their continued support in hosting our meetings.

Still on the subject of meetings the autumn season kicks off with the Estates Group on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September at Liverpool John Moores. Shaun McDonald has kindly arranged a presentation on NEC contracts and their suitability for the HE sector.

It is with sadness that we recently learned that David Johnson from the University of Liverpool plans to retire at the end of September this year. David has been a vital member of our Laboratory Group for 25 years and is also the university's representative on the Audio Visual Group. He is Chairman of the National Working Party for Electronic Components as well as the National Working Party for Laboratory Supplies and it is fair to say that the tenders led by these groups have saved the sector millions of pounds. It is impossible to assess David's contribution to procurement over the years and his departure will leave a massive hole in consortium activities. We know that everyone who has had the pleasure of working with David will join us in wishing him the long and happy retirement that he so richly deserves.

## AUPO Conference

The AUPO conference is being held on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at the Marriott Victoria and Albert Hotel in Manchester. The main theme of this event will be the Development of the Profession in the Sector. Sessions will be presented by influential speakers who will deliver a UK perspective on the changing context and challenges for us as both a professional community and as individuals. Members of the NWUPC central team will be attending the conference, and hope to see you there.