

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium Ltd



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Welcome to the October issue of our newsletter. It covers up-dates on the contracting team activities, the CPD sessions, NVO availability, and commodity groups. If you require additional details regarding any items contained in the newsletter, please contact any of the members of staff.

Contracting Update

Stationery

The sub-group are close to completing their evaluation and are hoping to make an award during October, this has been a long and thorough process and our thanks go to all sub-group members for their work thus far.

Furniture

The new furniture tender will be advertised during October, all information will be made available via the NWUPC Intend system.

Computer Consumables

The NWUPC Computer Consumables Framework evaluation is nearing completion, with presentations now scheduled for the 29th October. The sub-group consists of Ian Cooke from Manchester Metropolitan University, Duncan Allison from the University of Bolton and Mike Haslin and Jane Hargreaves from the NWUPC. The framework will be in place and is due to start on the 1st January 2010, for three years with the option to extend for a further one year period.

AV Equipment

AV Equipment contract review meetings have been scheduled for the 1st October 2009. Our thanks go out to Keith Parkinson, Contract Manager, for his support and time in managing this framework. An update will be provided at the AV meeting on the 7th October in Cumbria.

AV Installations

AV Installations contract review meetings are to take place on the 19th of October at the University of Staffordshire's Beaconside campus, with various members present, again feedback will be provided at the AV meeting on the 7th October. Thanks to the sub-group for all their time and support.

Buying Solutions – Travel Framework

The NWUPC continues to support Buying Solutions, and is currently working with them on their new travel framework.

Grocery, Provisions and Chilled Foods

The new SNUPI framework is now available for our members to use, please see our website for details.

CPD Training Sessions

Procurement Law Update

This session was presented by Michael Keane, and was held in Salford on the 18th September. It covered aspects of current procurement law, and how it is changing as new legal cases are heard.

Feedback from the delegates included 'the knowledge gained will be applied in my job', 'a very good course', and 'the course has enhanced my knowledge for contracts - especially in the tendering process'.

Sustainable Procurement

This session is being held on the 20th October 2009 at the University of Salford and is being presented by Shirley Lewington. It is aimed at people wishing to understand the role sustainability can play in the procurement process. If you are interested in attending, please contact Sue Wilson.

Financial and Supplier Appraisal

On the 12th November, Jenny Radcliffe will present this session at Salford. This session will help buyers to give a basic assessment of a supplier's financial position. Contact Sue Wilson for additional details.

NVQs

The Supply Chain Management NVQ programme continues at levels 2, 3, 4, and 5 - further information can be obtained by contacting David Lamb

COUP 2009

Congratulations to the LUPC team for organising a very successful COUP 2009 at the Royal Holloway, University of London. Feedback from the delegates and exhibitors has been full of praise – well done to the LUPC team.

Commodity Groups

The finalised schedule for Commodity Group Meetings has now been circulated to member institutions. Recent years have shown an encouraging increase in attendance and hopefully this will continue in 2010. As always we are grateful to representatives for taking the time to attend meetings but also our thanks must go to member institutions for hosting them.