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Food & Drink Concepts 2026

Contracting Authority TUCO

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Key Information

Framework Start Date 24/08/2026

Current End Date 23/08/2028

Procurement Regulation PA23

Framework Suppliers

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Apetito Ltd
COSTA LIMITED
Carr's Pasties
Change Please CIC
Country Choice
Creams Cafe
Eden Farm
Janes Beverages Foodservice Limited
Krogab UK Limited
Love Joes Ltd
NORTHERN BITES HALIFAX LTD
Ocean King
Pasta King (UK) Ltd
Pizza Plus
Rollover
THE COVERED KITCHEN LTD
TUGO Food Ltd
Tanpopo Japanese Food
Yearsley Group
iSqueeze Limited

Scope of Requirements

The purpose of the Framework is to deliver an efficient and compliant route to market for participating public bodies, by minimising the resource and providing value for money. The Framework was procured via the Open procurement process. It was advertised on Intend and on Find a Tender Service (FTS) with the UK4 tender notice reference: 2026/S 000-040220.

The tender is for the supply and distribution of Food and Drink Concepts, whereby Lots 1-6 cover Food based concepts and Lots 7 & 8 are for Drinks. The purpose of this procurement was to create a list of suppliers that met the minimum requirements to deliver one or more of the following lotted services:

- Lot 1 - Chicken Concepts.
- Lot 2 - Pizza, Flatbreads & Pasta.
- Lot 3 - Asian & Global Cuisine.
- Lot 4 - American Classics.
- Lot 5 - Coffee Shop.
- Lot 6 - Sweet Treats.
- Lot 7 - Drinks (Non-Alcoholic).
- Lot 8 - Drinks Premium (Non-Alcoholic).

Accessibility

This framework agreement has been tendered by TUCO Ltd. To learn more about TUCO Ltd, please see www.tuco.ac.uk. Members of the following organisations can access this framework agreement:

- Advance Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC)
- Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales (HEPCW)
- London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC)
- North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium (NWUPC)
- North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC)
- Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)
- TUCO Ltd (TUCO)

Universities opting out of the PCRs and / or their partners can access this agreement and are not bound by the call off procedure which applies to contracting authorities.

Call Off Method

Call-off from this framework agreement is by means of

- Direct Appointment (without re-opening competition)

Or

- Appointment following Mini Competition

Or

- Combination Ranked Procedure

Full details on call off procedure can be found in the Buyer's Guide -

<https://www.tuco.ac.uk/procurement/frameworks/food-drink-concepts>

Responsible Procurement

The NETpositive Supplier Engagement Tool will be used as part of contract management.

At Selection Suppliers were assessed for:

- Compliance with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Payment of the Real Living Wage

Added Value

What are the Benefits of Using the Framework?

There are several benefits to using the Framework:

- Legally compliant Framework developed in accordance with the UK public procurement regulations (PA23)
- Eliminates the need for organisations to individually undertake their own full procurement exercise, which saves time and resources
- Opportunities for savings through economies of scale
- Simplifies the process and removes the cost to public sector bodies in procuring the services and providers
- Availability of template documents to carry out call off from framework
- Consistent terms & conditions of contract
- Opportunity for further savings through further competition

General benefits of TUCO membership:

- Delivering annual savings to members in excess of £15million
- £155million+ annual spend
- Giving members access to almost 300 quality-assured suppliers
- 19 EU-compliant framework agreements
- Full-time CIPS qualified team dedicated to cutting costs
- No barriers to entry – 80% of TUCO suppliers are SMEs or micro enterprises
- Award-winning training academy
- In-depth, insightful market intelligence through TUCO research
- Sharing best-practice through member case studies
- Access to added-value benefits such as:
 - TUCO Online: a revolutionary web-based eProcurement system that provides a dynamic online purchasing portal
 - Further Competitions: a personalised procurement service that is FREE to members - we work with your staff to offer as much or as little support as they need, freeing them up to focus on other areas.

For further information, please refer to the [Buyers Guide](#)

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