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Tender

Sandwiches and Associated Products (2026 - 2030)

THE UNIVERSITY CATERERS ORGANISATION LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

CAT11082-TU

Description

The purpose of this planned procurement is to establish a (closed) framework for the supply and distribution of Sandwiches and Associated Products to members and clients of TUCO (Universities, Colleges and the wider Public Sector).

This procurement follows an Open Procedure under Procurement Act 2023.

The duration of this (closed) framework is planned to be a maximum of 4 years.

The annual spend through the (closed) Framework is estimated at £20 million

The total spend through the (closed) framework (over the maximum 4 years) is estimated at £80 million.

The scope of products to be covered in the framework are as follows but not limited to:

- Sandwich wedges
- Rolls
- Wraps
- Toasties
- Paninis
- Baguettes
- Sausage rolls
- Pies
- Bakery products, e.g. muffins, cakes
- Salads
- Sushi
- Fruit pots
- Yogurt pots
- Fruit or snack (as part of the meal deal offer)
- Soft drinks (as part of the meal deal offer)
- Cater pack which could consist of one or more the above products
- Hospitality platter which could consist of one or more the above products
- Lunch bag or grab and go bag/box which could consist of one or more the above products, e.g. one sandwich, one fruit pot, one snack and a bottle of water
- Breakfast products, e.g., cereal pot, overnight oats

It is envisaged that suppliers will be able to cover the full scope of products for each lot.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £80,000,000 excluding VAT
- £96,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 July 2026 to 30 June 2028
- Possible extension to 1 July 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The initial duration of the Framework is 2 years, with option to extend annually till 30/06/2030. TUCO reserve the right to extend lots by varying durations

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15810000 - Bread products, fresh pastry goods and cakes
- 15811000 - Bread products

- 15811500 - Prepared bread products
- 15811510 - Sandwiches
- 15811511 - Prepared sandwiches
- 15812000 - Pastry goods and cakes
- 15812200 - Cakes
- 15821000 - Toasted bread products and pastry goods
- 15821100 - Toasted bread products
- 15894200 - Prepared meals
- 15982000 - Soft drinks

Contract locations

- UK - United Kingdom

Lot constraints

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Supplier can be awarded to any combination of the 3 lots

Lot 1. Sandwiches and associated products for Local Authorities

Description

This Lot covers Sandwiches and associated products supplied for primary schools, secondary schools and special schools and other venues such as leisure centres.

Products are designed for pupil meals, staff canteens and on-site retail (e.g., cafes).

Lot value (estimated)

- £80,000,000 excluding VAT
- £96,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 2. Sandwiches and associated products for healthcare

Description

This Lot covers Sandwiches and associated products supplied for hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare facilities. Products are designed for patient feeding, staff canteens, and on-site retail (e.g., hospital cafes). Products must cater to diverse dietary needs, including medical diets.

Lot value (estimated)

- £80,000,000 excluding VAT
- £96,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Lot 3. Sandwiches and associated products for FE,HE and other members

Description

This Lot covers Sandwiches and associated products supplied for FE, HE and other members, it covers but not limited to students or staff canteens, on-site retail shops, restaurants in colleges, universities, hospitalities and so on.

Lot value (estimated)

- £80,000,000 excluding VAT
- £96,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

Same for all lots

CPV classifications, contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are the same for all lots.

Framework

Maximum number of suppliers

Unlimited

Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers

1.35%

Further information about fees

Full details are available in the tender documents

Framework operation description

Refer to the tender documents which are available on <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/tuco.aspx/Home>

Award method when using the framework

Either with or without competition

Contracting authorities that may use the framework

Members of the following purchasing organisations:

1. The University Caterers Organisation Limited (TUCO):
<https://account.tuco.ac.uk/delrvdkzggqmjfhudksgs>
2. North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC)
3. Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC)

4. Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales (HEPCW)
5. London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC)
6. North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium (NWUPC)
7. Southern Universities Procurement Consortium (SUPC)
8. Crescent Purchasing Consortium (CPC)
9. Local authorities
10. Central Government departments and their agencies
11. Police, fire and rescue, maritime and coastguard agency emergency services
12. NHS bodies, the HSC (Northern Ireland) and ambulance services
13. Schools, Educational establishments and Higher Education in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

For full details refer to Appendix S - Framework Permissible Users for details of contracting authorities that may use the Framework

Contracting authority location restrictions

- UK - United Kingdom

Participation

Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation

Lot 1. Sandwiches and associated products for Local Authorities

Lot 2. Sandwiches and associated products for healthcare

Lot 3. Sandwiches and associated products for FE, HE and other members

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Technical ability conditions of participation

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Particular suitability

Lot 1. Sandwiches and associated products for Local Authorities

Lot 2. Sandwiches and associated products for healthcare

Lot 3. Sandwiches and associated products for FE,HE and other members

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Enquiry deadline

11 March 2026, 12:00pm

Tender submission deadline

18 March 2026, 12:00pm

Submission address and any special instructions

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/tuco/aspx/Home>

Tenders may be submitted electronically

Yes

Languages that may be used for submission

English

Award decision date (estimated)

29 May 2026

Recurring procurement

Publication date of next tender notice (estimated): 4 February 2030

Award criteria

| Name | Type | Weighting |
|------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Sandwiches and associated products | Quality | 50% |
| Sandwiches and associated products | Price | 50% |

Other information

Conflicts assessment prepared/revised

Yes

Procedure

Procedure type

Open procedure

Documents

Associated tender documents

[Appendix S - Framework Permissible Users TUCO.docx](#)

Complete set of tender document are available through the web address: <https://intendhost.co.uk/tuco/aspx/Home>

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