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Tender

## **Milk, Dairy, Bread & Baked Goods (2026 - 2030)**

THE UNIVERSITY CATERERS ORGANISATION LIMITED

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### **Scope**

### **Reference**

CAT11078-TU

### **Description**

The purpose of this planned procurement is to establish a (closed) framework for the supply and distribution of Milk, Dairy, Bread (fresh and frozen) and a selection of baked goods (fresh and frozen) to members and clients of TUCO (Universities, Colleges and the wider Public Sector).

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 £3.5m

The total spend through the (closed) framework (over the maximum 4 years) is estimated at £20m

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

Milk - all variants including dairy alternatives.

Dairy - including creams, butter and spreads. Cheese, yoghurts and eggs. Dairy alternatives where available.

Bread (fresh & frozen) - all variants of loaves and rolls including gluten free and free from.

Baked goods (fresh & frozen) - cakes, pastries, confectionery and traybakes. Low sugar/free from alternatives where available.

It is envisaged that suppliers will be able to cover the full scope of products for each lot. The framework includes the option of a one-stop shop for the supply of fresh milk & bread to Local Authorities.

## **Commercial tool**

Establishes a framework

## **Total value (estimated)**

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

## **Contract dates (estimated)**

- 1 May 2026 to 30 April 2028
- Possible extension to 1 May 2030
- 4 years, 1 day

Description of possible extension:

The initial duration of the Framework is 2 years, with the option to extend annually (+1 + 1

years) until 30/04/2030

## **Main procurement category**

Goods

## **Contract locations**

- UK - United Kingdom

## **Lot constraints**

Description of how multiple lots may be awarded:

Supplier can be awarded to any combination of the 7 lots

## **Not the same for all lots**

CPV classifications are shown in Lot sections, because they are not the same for all lots.

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## **Lot LOT-0001. Milk & Dairy products for HE/FE members**

### **Description**

This Lot covers the supply of fresh milk and dairy to HE/FE members of TUCO and includes all variants of milks, creams, butter and spreads. Cheese, yoghurts and eggs

including dairy alternatives.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 15511000 - Milk
- 15510000 - Milk and cream
- 15511100 - Pasteurised milk
- 15511300 - Skimmed milk
- 15511400 - Semi-skimmed milk
- 15511500 - Full-cream milk
- 15551000 - Yoghurt and other fermented milk products

### **Same for all lots**

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

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## **Lot LOT-0002. Milk & Dairy products for LA's/wider public sector**

### **Description**

This Lot covers the supply of fresh milk and dairy to Local Authorities and other members of TUCO and includes all variants of milks, creams, butter/spreads, cheese, yoghurts and eggs which must be school food standards compliant. Some dairy alternatives.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 15511000 - Milk
- 15510000 - Milk and cream
- 15511100 - Pasteurised milk
- 15511300 - Skimmed milk
- 15511400 - Semi-skimmed milk
- 15511500 - Full-cream milk
- 15551000 - Yoghurt and other fermented milk products

### **Same for all lots**

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

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## **Lot LOT-0003. Fresh Bread & Baked Goods for HE/FE members**

## Description

This Lot covers the supply of fresh bread and baked goods to HE/FE members of TUCO and includes all variants of loaves, rolls, teacakes, pastries, confectionery, pastries and traybakes. Gluten free and free from alternatives.

## Lot value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

## CPV classifications

- 15811100 - Bread
- 15810000 - Bread products, fresh pastry goods and cakes
- 15811500 - Prepared bread products
- 15812100 - Pastry goods
- 15821000 - Toasted bread products and pastry goods
- 15812000 - Pastry goods and cakes
- 15811000 - Bread products

## Same for all lots

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

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## Lot LOT-0004. Fresh Bread & Baked Goods for LA's/wider public

## sector

### Description

This Lot covers the supply of fresh bread and baked goods to Local Authorities and other members of TUCO and includes all variants of loaves, rolls, teacakes, pastries, confectionery, pastries and traybakes which must be school food standards compliant. Gluten free and free from alternatives.

### Lot value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### CPV classifications

- 15811100 - Bread
- 15811000 - Bread products
- 15810000 - Bread products, fresh pastry goods and cakes
- 15811500 - Prepared bread products
- 15821000 - Toasted bread products and pastry goods
- 15812000 - Pastry goods and cakes
- 15812100 - Pastry goods

### Same for all lots

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

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## **Lot LOT-0005. Frozen Bread & Baked Goods for HE/FE members**

### **Description**

This Lot covers the supply of frozen bread and baked goods to HE/FE members of TUCO and includes all variants of loaves, rolls, teacakes, pastries, confectionery, pastries and traybakes. Gluten free and free from alternatives.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 15811100 - Bread
- 15811000 - Bread products
- 15810000 - Bread products, fresh pastry goods and cakes
- 15811500 - Prepared bread products
- 15821000 - Toasted bread products and pastry goods
- 15812000 - Pastry goods and cakes
- 15812100 - Pastry goods

### **Same for all lots**

Contract locations and contract dates are shown in the Scope section, because they are

the same for all lots.

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## **Lot LOT-0006. Frozen Bread & Baked Goods for LA's/wider public sector**

### **Description**

This Lot covers the supply of frozen bread and baked goods to Local Authorities and other members of TUCO and includes all variants of loaves, rolls, teacakes, pastries, confectionery, pastries and traybakes which must be school food standards compliant. Gluten free and free from alternatives.

### **Lot value (estimated)**

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### **CPV classifications**

- 15811100 - Bread
- 15811000 - Bread products
- 15810000 - Bread products, fresh pastry goods and cakes
- 15811500 - Prepared bread products
- 15821000 - Toasted bread products and pastry goods
- 15812100 - Pastry goods
- 15812000 - Pastry goods and cakes

## Same for all lots

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

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## Lot LOT-0007. One stop shop option for LA's/wider public sector

### Description

This Lot covers the supply of fresh milk and bread to Local Authorities and other members of TUCO and includes all variants of milks, creams, butter/spreads, cheese, yoghurts and eggs and dairy alternatives; loaves, rolls, teacakes, pastries, confectionery, pastries and traybakes which must be school food standards compliant. Gluten free and free from alternatives.

### Lot value (estimated)

- £20,000,000 excluding VAT
- £24,000,000 including VAT

Framework lot values may be shared with other lots

### CPV classifications

- 15511000 - Milk
- 15510000 - Milk and cream
- 15511100 - Pasteurised milk
- 15511300 - Skimmed milk
- 15511400 - Semi-skimmed milk
- 15511500 - Full-cream milk

- 15551000 - Yoghurt and other fermented milk products
- 15811100 - Bread
- 15811000 - Bread products
- 15810000 - Bread products, fresh pastry goods and cakes
- 15811500 - Prepared bread products
- 15821000 - Toasted bread products and pastry goods
- 15812000 - Pastry goods and cakes
- 15812100 - Pastry goods

### **Same for all lots**

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## **Framework**

### **Maximum number of suppliers**

Unlimited

### **Maximum percentage fee charged to suppliers**

1.35%

### **Framework operation description**

Refer to the tender documents which are available on <https://in->

[tendhost.co.uk/tuco/aspx/Home](http://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/delrvdkzgqmjfhudksgs> 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 Q - Framework Permissible Users for details of contracting authorities that may use the Framework

## **Contracting authority location restrictions**

- UK - United Kingdom

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## **Participation**

### **Legal and financial capacity conditions of participation**

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**Lot LOT-0007. One stop shop option for LA's/wider public sector**

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### **Technical ability conditions of participation**

**Lot LOT-0001. Milk & Dairy products for HE/FE members**

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### **Particular suitability**

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Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

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**Submission**

**Enquiry deadline**

27 February 2026, 3:00pm

**Tender submission deadline**

6 March 2026, 3:00pm

**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)**

7 April 2026

## Recurring procurement

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

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## Award criteria

### Lot LOT-0001. Milk & Dairy products for HE/FE members

Name	Type	Weighting
Milk & Dairy products for HE/FE members	Price	50%
Milk & Dairy products for HE/FE members	Quality	50%

### Lot LOT-0002. Milk & Dairy products for LA's/wider public sector

Name	Type	Weighting
Milk & Dairy products for LA's/wider public sector	Price	50%
Milk & Dairy products for LA's/wider public sector	Quality	50%

### Lot LOT-0003. Fresh Bread & Baked Goods for HE/FE members

Name	Type	Weighting
Fresh Bread & Baked Goods for HE/FE members	Price	50%
Fresh Bread & Baked Goods for HE/FE members	Quality	50%

### Lot LOT-0004. Fresh Bread & Baked Goods for LA's/wider public sector

Name	Type	Weighting
Fresh Bread & Baked Goods for LA's/wider public sector	Price	50%
Fresh Bread & Baked Goods for LA's/wider public sector	Quality	50%

### Lot LOT-0005. Frozen Bread & Baked Goods for HE/FE members

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Frozen Bread & Baked Goods for HE/FE members	Price	60%
Frozen Bread & Baked Goods for HE/FE members	Quality	40%

### **Lot LOT-0006. Frozen Bread & Baked Goods for LA's/wider public sector**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
Frozen Bread & Baked Goods for LA's/wider public sector	Price	60%
Frozen Bread & Baked Goods for LA's/wider public sector	Quality	40%

### **Lot LOT-0007. One stop shop option for LA's/wider public sector**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Weighting</b>
One stop shop option for LA's/wider public sector	Price	50%
One stop shop option for LA's/wider public sector	Quality	50%

## **Other information**

### **Conflicts assessment prepared/revised**

Yes

## **Procedure**

### **Procedure type**

Open procedure

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## Documents

### Associated tender documents

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

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

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## Contracting authority

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Organisation type: Public authority - sub-central government