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Pipeline

GFC27 Supply & Distribution of Grocery, Frozen, Chilled & Catering Supplies

THE UNIVERSITY CATERERS ORGANISATION LIMITED

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Scope

Reference

CAT11080-TU

Description

The purpose of this planned procurement is to establish a (closed) framework for the supply and distribution of Grocery, Frozen, Chilled foods and Catering supplies to members and clients of TUCO (Universities, Colleges, Local Authorities 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 £80m

The total spend through the (closed) framework (over the maximum 4 years) is estimated at £320m

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

canned and dried fruit and vegetables, baking products, rice, pasta, sauces,

beverages, cheese, milk, bacon, cured meats, sandwich fillings and all other grocery,

ambient and chilled foods.

meat, poultry, fish, chips, vegetables, bread, patisserie, viennoiserie, cheese, milk, bacon, cured meats,

sandwich fillings and any other frozen and chilled foods.

meat, poultry, fish, cheese, bacon, yoghurts, sandwich fillings and any other chilled foods.

specialist vegan and vegetarian food products suitable for use in foodservice.

Relevant catering supplies

It is envisaged that suppliers will be able to cover the full scope of products for each lot. The framework is likely to include the option of a one-stop shop.

Commercial tool

Establishes a framework

Total value (estimated)

- £0 including VAT

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 May 2027 to 1 May 2031
- 4 years, 1 day

Main category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 15000000 - Food, beverages, tobacco and related products
- 39222000 - Catering supplies

Participation

Particular suitability

Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

2 September 2026

Contracting authority

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