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Contract

Framework Agreement for Office, Paper, EOS & Library Supplies (OPELS)

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium

F03: Contract award notice

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Section I: Contracting authority

I.1) Name and addresses

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<https://uk.eu-supply.com/ctm/Company/CompanyInformation/Index/91080>

I.2) Information about joint procurement

The contract is awarded by a central purchasing body

I.4) Type of the contracting authority

Other type

Sub-central contracting authority

I.5) Main activity

Education

Section II: Object

II.1) Scope of the procurement

II.1.1) Title

Framework Agreement for Office, Paper, EOS & Library Supplies (OPELS)

Reference number

OFF3166 NW

II.1.2) Main CPV code

- 30192000 - Office supplies

II.1.3) Type of contract

Supplies

II.1.4) Short description

NWUPC is establishing a multi-provider Framework Agreement for Office, Paper, EOS & Library Supplies (OPELS) OFF3166 NW which will amalgamate two existing agreements:

- Office Computer & Library
- Paper Print & Specialist

This framework will be accessible to members of the following organisations:

Advance Procurement for Universities and Colleges

Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales

London Universities Purchasing Consortium

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium

North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium

The lotting structure will be:

Lot 1 Office Supplies

Lot 2 Bulk Paper

Lot 3 Computer Supplies

Lot 4 Library Supplies

II.1.6) Information about lots

This contract is divided into lots: Yes

II.1.7) Total value of the procurement (excluding VAT)

Value excluding VAT: £82,682,690

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 1 – Office Supplies

Lot No

1

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22600000 - Ink
- 22610000 - Printing ink
- 30000000 - Office and computing machinery, equipment and supplies except furniture and software packages
- 30100000 - Office machinery, equipment and supplies except computers, printers and furniture
- 30125100 - Toner cartridges
- 30125110 - Toner for laser printers/fax machines
- 30125120 - Toner for photocopiers
- 30191000 - Office equipment except furniture
- 30192110 - Ink products

- 30192113 - Ink cartridges
- 30192121 - Ballpoint pens
- 30192122 - Fountain pens
- 30192123 - Fibre pens
- 30192124 - Felt-tipped pens
- 30192127 - Pen holders
- 30192130 - Pencils
- 30192132 - Pencil lead refills
- 30192133 - Pencil sharpeners
- 30192134 - Pencil holders
- 30192930 - Correction pens
- 30192940 - Correction pen refills
- 30197642 - Photocopier paper and xerographic paper
- 37822000 - Drawing pens

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Not limited to, the following scope; general office products, cut paper (desktop delivery quantities), minor office equipment, envelopes, furniture and presentation, printer toner and ink, computer external storage, computer peripherals e.g. cables, media storage, book care, book trolleys and display supplies, library security supplies, referencing supplies, janitorial products for office use, other office supplies products, other computer supplies products, other library supplies product

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Requirements / Weighting: 40.00

Price - Weighting: 60.00

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

Call off by members from the resulting framework may be conducted by Institutions using various funds including but not limited to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

II.2.14) Additional information

Please read the complete tender document set, including the supplier guide to tendering, prior to completing.

II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 2 – Bulk Paper

Lot No

2

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 30197642 - Photocopier paper and xerographic paper
- 22993400 - Corrugated paper or paperboard
- 30197620 - Writing paper
- 30197630 - Printing paper
- 30199300 - Embossed or perforated paper
- 30199330 - Continuous paper for computer printers
- 30199400 - Gummed or adhesive paper
- 30199410 - Self-adhesive paper

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Bulk Paper the supply of the following types of paper in bulk includes but is not limited to: coated and uncoated papers, recycled and virgin papers, cut sheet and reel papers, a variety of paper sizes including SR, A4 and A3 and a variety of FSC and PEFC certified papers. Specialist papers may be purchased in smaller quantities. This list is not exhaustive.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Requirements / Weighting: 40.00

Price - Weighting: 60.00

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

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II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 3 – Computer Supplies

Lot No

3

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 22600000 - Ink
- 22610000 - Printing ink
- 30125100 - Toner cartridges
- 30125110 - Toner for laser printers/fax machines
- 30125120 - Toner for photocopiers
- 30125000 - Parts and accessories of photocopying apparatus
- 30200000 - Computer equipment and supplies
- 30237200 - Computer accessories
- 30237400 - Data entry accessories

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Computer Supplies includes but is not limited to printer toner and ink, computer external storage, computer peripherals e.g. cables, media storage, other computer supplies products. This list is not exhaustive.

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Requirements / Weighting: 40

Price - Weighting: 60.00

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

Call off by members from the resulting framework may be conducted by Institutions using various funds including but not limited to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

II.2.14) Additional information

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II.2) Description

II.2.1) Title

Lot 4 – Library Supplies

Lot No

4

II.2.2) Additional CPV code(s)

- 39153100 - Bookstands
- 39155000 - Library furniture
- 39133000 - Display units
- 39171000 - Display cases

II.2.3) Place of performance

NUTS codes

- UK - United Kingdom

II.2.4) Description of the procurement

Library Supplies includes but is not limited to book care, book trolleys and display supplies, library security supplies, referencing supplies, other library supplies products. This list is not exhaustive

II.2.5) Award criteria

Quality criterion - Name: Customer Requirements / Weighting: 40.00

Price - Weighting: 60.00

II.2.11) Information about options

Options: No

II.2.13) Information about European Union Funds

The procurement is related to a project and/or programme financed by European Union funds: Yes

Identification of the project

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Section IV. Procedure

IV.1) Description

IV.1.1) Type of procedure

Open procedure

IV.1.3) Information about a framework agreement or a dynamic purchasing system

The procurement involves the establishment of a framework agreement

IV.1.8) Information about the Government Procurement Agreement (GPA)

The procurement is covered by the Government Procurement Agreement: Yes

IV.2) Administrative information

IV.2.1) Previous publication concerning this procedure

Notice number: [2024/S 000-012904](#)

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

1

Title

Lot 1 – Office Supplies

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 7

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 7

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Banner Group Ltd

Sheffield

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Paragon Customer Communications (London) Ltd.

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Lyreco UK Ltd

Shropshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Bates Office Services Ltd

Kent

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Wildhearts Office Ltd

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £82,682,690

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

2

Title

Lot 2 – Bulk Paper

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 8

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 8

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Premier Paper Group Ltd

Minworth

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

CPP Trading Group Ltd t/a Clyde Paper & Print

Glasgow

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Antalis Ltd

London

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Springfield Business Papers Ltd

Bristol

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

WL Coller Ltd

Manchester

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Elliott Baxter & Company Ltd

Aldershot

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £82,682,690

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

3

Title

Lot 3 – Computer Supplies

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 9

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 4

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 9

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

XMA Ltd

Nottingham

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

OfficeXpress Europe Limited

West Yorkshire

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

Comcen Computer Supplies Ltd

Swansea

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £82,682,690

Section V. Award of contract

Contract No

4

Title

Lot 4 – Library Supplies

A contract/lot is awarded: Yes

V.2) Award of contract

V.2.1) Date of conclusion of the contract

30 October 2024

V.2.2) Information about tenders

Number of tenders received: 2

Number of tenders received from SMEs: 2

Number of tenders received by electronic means: 2

The contract has been awarded to a group of economic operators: No

V.2.3) Name and address of the contractor

WF Education Group Ltd

Shrewsbury

Country

United Kingdom

NUTS code

- UK - United Kingdom

The contractor is an SME

Yes

V.2.4) Information on value of contract/lot (excluding VAT)

Total value of the contract/lot: £82,682,690

Section VI. Complementary information

VI.3) Additional information

The following participating consortia have committed to use the framework agreement:

NWUPC <https://www.nwupc.ac.uk/our-members>

APUC <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/members>

HEPCW <http://www.hepcw.ac.uk/members/>

LUPC <https://www.lupc.ac.uk/member-list>

NEUPC <http://www.neupc.ac.uk/our-members>

SUPC <https://www.supc.ac.uk/about-us/our-members/our-members>

At some point during the life of the agreement the current members of the following may wish to utilise the agreement and should have access at any point with the permission of NWUPC. The agreement is not intended to replace any current Agreements that either participating institutions may already have in place. A list of the current members is available as follows:

Central Government Departments, Local Government and Public Corporations that can be accessed at the Public Sector Classification Guide

<https://www.ons.gov.uk/economy/nationalaccounts/uksectoraccounts/datasets/publicsectorclassificationguide>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

Local Authorities

<https://www.gov.uk/find-local-council>

<https://www.local.gov.uk>

NDPBs

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations>

National Parks Authorities

<https://www.nationalparks.uk/>

Police Forces in the United Kingdom

http://www.police.uk/?view=force_sites

<https://www.police-information.co.uk/index.html>

Fire and Rescue Services in the United Kingdom

<https://www.nationalfirechiefs.org.uk/fire-and-rescue-services>

NHS Bodies England

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/nhs-provider-directory/>

Hospices in the UK

<https://www.hospiceuk.org/hospice-care-finder>

Registered Social Landlords (Housing Associations)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/registered-providers-of-social-housing>

Third Sector and Charities in the United Kingdom

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/charity-commission>

<http://www.oscr.org.uk>

Citizens Advice in the United Kingdom

<http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/index/getadvice.htm>

www.cas.org.uk

Scottish Police

<http://www.scotland.police.uk>

NI Public Bodies

Northern Ireland Government Departments

<https://www.northernireland.gov.uk/topics/your-executive/government-departments>

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/government-departments-in-northern-ireland>

Northern Ireland Public Sector Bodies and Local Authorities

<https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk/articles/list-public-bodies-which-ni-public-procurement-policy-applies>

Schools and Universities in Northern Ireland

<https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/>

Health and Social care in Northern Ireland

<http://online.hscni.net>

Northern Ireland Housing Associations

<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/contacts/housing-associations>

Police Service of Northern Ireland

<https://www.psni.police.uk>

VI.4) Procedures for review

VI.4.1) Review body

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