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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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**Region code**

UK - United Kingdom

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Main address

<https://nwupc.ac.uk/>

Buyer's address

<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

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## **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**



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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 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](#)

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## **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

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## **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



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## **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

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**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

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## 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](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](http://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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