

High Value Lab Equipment (HVLE) (LAB3162 NW)

SUMMARY

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End date: 31st July, 2025

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SCOPE

Further information on the scope of each lot can be found in 'Appendix 1 - Specification of Requirements' within the documentation.

AGREEMENT BENEFITS

Benefits of Using a Framework Agreement

The benefits of using this Framework Agreement are:

- More advantageous pricing based on economies of scale from aggregated spend.
- Savings can be base lined by comparing prices with the prices you previously paid.
- A single exercise to establish the overarching agreement and establish the Terms and Conditions of the Framework.
- Reduced administrative effort and associated cost savings.
- The development of a longer term relationship with suppliers which is mutually beneficial.
- You have the ability to call off from the agreement as and when required rather than needing to undertake a full tender process.
- The Framework allows for the flexibility to determine specific requirements at the call off stage.
- Framework Agreements support longer term business planning as they span a period of typically four years and allow some stability from market fluctuations.
- NWUPC and your Consortium will provide contract management support to you should you experience any issues with suppliers and will act in your best interests.

USING THE FRAMEWORK

As a publicly funded body, a European Directive governs your organisation concerning its purchasing activity and this directive was enacted into English Law through the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR 15). The principles of the regulations are that you must demonstrate non-discrimination, equal treatment, transparency, mutual recognition and proportionality in all your purchases. These regulations come into force when your organisation's spend on a certain product or service or contract over a reasonable period of time exceeds the threshold amount which is currently set at £181,302 for supplies and services. This means the total aggregated spend typically over a four year period and not just one off orders.

Framework Agreements are established as a simplified route to market for you to use. The Framework will have been tendered following all the guidelines and requirements of the PCR 15 so that you can be assured of compliance with legal regulations. By combining the purchasing power of several organisations within your region or even with all the organisations in the sector you will also be able to benefit from preferential terms and pricing arrangements. Because the Framework has been tendered compliantly, you do not need to conduct a full tender process yourself and more details on how to "call off" (how to buy) will be provided in this document.

SUPPLIERS

Lot	Suppliers
Lot 1 – Magnetic Resonance Equipment	Bruker UK Ltd, Fisher Scientific UK Ltd, Jeol (UK) Ltd, MR Solutions Ltd, Magritek UK, Medical Imaging Systems Limited, Philips Electronics UK Ltd, Siemens Healthcare, Thermo Fisher Scientific UK, Wonderful Scientific Ltd,
Lot 2 – X-Ray, Imaging, Elemental & Micro Analysis Equipment and Microscopy Instruments	Agilent Technologies LDA UK Limited, Anton Paar Ltd, Blue Scientific Ltd., Bruker UK Ltd, Carl Zeiss Ltd, E M Systems Support Ltd, ETEK Europe Ltd, Elementar UK Ltd., FEI UK Limited, Fisher Scientific UK Ltd, Hitachi High Tech Analytical Science Ltd (Thermal Analysis/ XRF / OES), Hitachi High-Tech Europe (Electron Microscopes), Horiba UK Limited, Jeol (UK) Ltd, Kratos Analytical Ltd, MR Solutions Ltd, Medical Imaging Systems Limited, Philips Electronics UK Ltd, Quantum Design UK & Ireland Ltd., Renishaw Plc, Revvity (UK) Ltd., Rigaku SE, SciMed Ltd, Shimadzu UK Ltd, Siemens Healthcare, Tescan UK Ltd, Thermo Fisher Scientific UK, Wonderful Scientific Ltd,
Lot 3 – Spectroscopy Equipment	Agilent Technologies LDA UK Limited, Blue Scientific Ltd., Bruker UK Ltd, Fisher Scientific UK Ltd, Horiba UK Limited, Jeol (UK) Ltd, Metrohm , PerkinElmer AES (UK) Ltd, Quantum Design UK & Ireland Ltd., Renishaw Plc, SciMed Ltd, Shimadzu UK Ltd, Thermo Fisher Scientific UK,
Lot 4 – Mechanical, Thermal and Physical Testing Equipment	Anton Paar Ltd, Bruker UK Ltd, Carl Zeiss Ltd, Hitachi High Tech Analytical Science Ltd (Thermal Analysis/ XRF / OES), PerkinElmer AES (UK) Ltd, Quantum Design UK & Ireland Ltd., Renishaw Plc, SciMed Ltd, Shimadzu UK Ltd, Waters Ltd, Zwick Roell Ltd,
Lot 5 – Radiation Safety & Detection Equipment	Fisher Scientific UK Ltd,

SUSTAINABILITY

The NETpositive Supplier Engagement Tool will be used as part of contract management.

The UKUPC Supply Chain Code of Conduct and the Electronics Watch Contract Conditions were issued to suppliers as part of this tender.

At Selection Suppliers were assessed for:

- [Compliance with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015](#)
- Payment of the Real Living Wage
- Carbon Reduction Plan

Recognising both the environmental and social risks associated with in-scope products, with the award criteria, suppliers were asked questions on the following topics:

- Supply Chain Transparency & Labour Conditions
- Packaging Materials
- Re-use and Recycling Services
- Delivering Social Value

NEXT STEPS

Once you have signed the purchase order (quoting the Framework Reference and Title) you have a requirement to publish on Contracts Finder.

As per the requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (PCR 2015), Institutions are required to publish details of all contracts awarded above the £25,000 threshold; Sub Central Contracting Authorities are subject to. This includes those awarded post call-off from framework agreements.

The contracting authority must publish details of who has been awarded to the contract and the value of the contract along with information regarding the classification of the awarded supplier.

For further information please visit the Contracts Finder website:

<https://www.gov.uk/contracts-finder>