

Photographic Equipment & Consumables (AVI3199 NW)

SUMMARY

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SCOPE

The Photographic Equipment & Consumables Framework has been established for the provision of the following goods:

Photographic Equipment & Consumables including but not limited to: DSLR Cameras, Compact System Cameras, Medium Format Cameras, Action Cameras, Camcorders, Lenses, Lighting, Specialist Printers, Tripods and Gimbals, Drones, Memory Cards, Film, Filters, Photographic Paper, Negatives, Tripod Bags and Camera Bags. This list is not exhaustive. [The agreement covers direct sales to students and staff of participating consortia](#) members as detailed in 1.4.1.

AGREEMENT BENEFITS

The benefits of using this Framework Agreement are:

- A saving of insert figure%
- 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.
- Contract management initiatives around supply chain traceability for high-risk products, and packaging initiatives to support reductions in waste.
- Multiple methods of call-off including direct award, desktop exercise and full mini-competition including permitted variation of weightings.
- 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.
- Access to products with recognised sustainability standards.
- Access to Real Living Wage accredited suppliers where required.

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

Creative Video Productions, Creative Video Productions Ltd, Park Cameras, Proactive UK Ltd., The Flash Centre Limited, Warehouse Express Ltd. T/A WEX Photo Video,

SUSTAINABILITY

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

The UKUPC Supply Chain Code of Conduct was issued to suppliers as part of this tender.

The Electronics Watch Contract Conditions was 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:

- Labour Conditions
- Packaging Materials
- Delivering Social Value
- Reduction of Carbon in Transportation
- Carbon Footprint Impact Reduction

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>