

## Chemicals General Purpose IRLA (LAB4025 SU)

### SUMMARY

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**End date:** 31st January, 2019

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**Website:**  
<https://www.hecontracts.co.uk/agreements/244>

### SCOPE

This agreement covers the supply of general laboratory chemicals including fine chemicals, solvents and general chemicals, but does not include chemicals such as antibodies, oligos and DNA used in life sciences. This agreement replaces the chemicals lots of the recently expired IRLA (2010-14), and the Fine Chemicals Agreement tendered by APUC Scotland which expired in May 2015.

The agreement has been awarded to the following five suppliers: Avocado (trading as Alfa Aesar), Fisher Scientific, Scientific Laboratory Supplies, Sigma Aldrich and VWR.

### AGREEMENT BENEFITS

- Provides compliance under EU Procurement Directives.
- No lots – means all 5 suppliers are able to compete for all the business on product, price and service.
- Offers very competitive pricing.
- Provides supplier next day delivery, e-catalogues, dedicated pricing on supplier websites, e-invoicing and free waste collection (for packaging and chemicals).
- Offers core list items and non-core list items within the general scope of the framework at heavily discounted prices.
- Provides substantial extra discounts or other benefits for commitment and/or high-spend.
- Has been developed in collaboration with scientists and technical end users.

### USING THE FRAMEWORK

This Agreement is extremely flexible in its implementation. Call-offs can be made in the following ways:

- Institutions can call-off from any supplier that best meets their value for money.
- Institutions can run further competitions to single-source across the framework.
- Institutions can increase the given core range to include their own most frequently bought products.

## SUPPLIERS

Alfa Aesar, Fisher Scientific UK Ltd, Scientific Laboratory Supplies Ltd, Sigma-Aldrich Company Ltd, VWR International Ltd,

## SUSTAINABILITY

Some suppliers on this agreement offer the collection and disposal of chemicals for a charge. Details of the waste collection service are included in the Waste Collection Details file, which is on HE Contracts Database.

If you choose to run a further competition you may choose to include waste collection as a factor in choosing your supplier.

Fisher, Sigma Aldrich, Scientific Laboratory Supplies and VWR can collect empty bottles free of charge and can offer a removal service for redundant or waste chemicals and solvents – this is a separate service and fee will have to be agreed with the supplier.

Alfa Aesar will provide on request, reputable information on third parties that can undertake this service.

## NEXT STEPS

To start taking advantage of this agreement, please visit the IRLA Chemicals page on HE Contracts Database at: [www.hecontracts.co.uk](http://www.hecontracts.co.uk). From there, you can view the agreements, suppliers, supplier contact details, terms and conditions and a complete IRLA Chemicals Buyer's Guide.