SUMMARY
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SCOPE
This Agreement is for the Supply and Distribution of antibodies and sera and other related matrices (e.g. blood products, tissue, urine etc.). Products supplied within the Agreement are for Research Purpose/Use Only (RUO).

Should you require to vary the purpose of the products, this may only be possible on agreement with the supplier. The supplier may refuse to supply products not for RUO.

All users must comply with the terms of licence of the product, as defined by the supplier; otherwise, users will not be covered by the terms and conditions of the agreement.

The Framework Agreement is divided into:
- Lot 1: Antibodies
- Lot 2: Sera (and other related matrices)

AGREEMENT BENEFITS
- A good choice of producers who have control of their supply chain, and distributors who have full/part visibility of their supply chain starting with production.
- All framework suppliers signed up to our request of Commitment to begin and/or continuously Improve Animal and Employee Welfare in Their Supply Chain.
- A good choice of product, including production under ISO certification, production under GMPc guidelines, with respectable companies that have been vetted in their finances, legal status and background.
- Most framework suppliers offered either net national prices or a discount structure to allow for different requirements and size of orders (institution profile). Some suppliers prefer to discuss their offering direct with the institution.
- A set of average, base prices across all suppliers that supports institutions to benchmark and calculate their own savings from.
- The opportunity for Buyers to rationalise their supplier base and to introduce new/one-off suppliers to a tier structure with approved suppliers.

USING THE FRAMEWORK
Call-off from this framework agreement is by means of ranking, desktop exercise or further-competition.

Ranking may be used in the case of catalogue items, however the Member Institution must make sure that the suppliers ranked top in the lots are able to fulfil their product/service requirement.

Further competitions will be necessary as many products are made-to-order or may involve a production service with many variable costs.

Desktop exercise may be used to compare product/service requirements from available suppliers before placing the order with the supplier that most closely satisfies the requirements.

SUPPLIERS
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**SUSTAINABILITY**

Sustainability was evaluated as part of the "Supply Chain and Sustainability" criterion, full details are available in the Buyers Guide.

**NEXT STEPS**

To start taking advantage of this agreement, please visit the Antibodies 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 the Antibodies Buyer's Guide.