Microscopes and Imaging Equipment, Supply of (LAB1015AP)

**SUMMARY**

- **Start date:** 31st May, 2018
- **End date:** 30th May, 2021
- **OJEU Number:** 2017/S 221-458882
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https://www.hecontracts.co.uk/agreements/532

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**SCOPE**
This Framework Agreement has been tendered by APUC Ltd. The purpose of this Framework Agreement is to deliver an efficient and compliant route to market for participating public bodies, by minimising the resource and providing value for money.

This Framework Agreement was procured via the Open Procedure tendering process and advertised on Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) and in the OJEU 2017/S 221-458882

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<td>Lot 1 – Compound Microscopes</td>
<td>Upright and inverted for use in teaching, tissue culture analysis and routine applications.</td>
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<td>Lot 2 – Laser Scanning Microscopes and Imaging Systems</td>
<td>Upright or inverted using laser technology such as Confoocal, Spinning Disc, TIRF and Multi-photon. Includes associated imaging equipment such as slider scanners.</td>
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<td>Lot 3 – Stereo and Zoom Microscopes</td>
<td>Upright or inverted featuring optional fluorescence and camera systems, for routine and clinical dissection, sorting and examination.</td>
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<td>Lot 4 – Medical Microscopes</td>
<td>Products designed for specialist medical and surgical applications, e.g. colposcopes, surgical loupes and microscopes with specific task fulfilment in neurology, ENT, dermatology, ophthalmology, dental or maxillofacial medicine.</td>
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<td>Lot 5 – Super Resolution and Enhanced Resolution Microscopes</td>
<td>Deterministic super resolution and stochastic super resolution microscopy equipment such as simulated emission depletion (STED), ground state depletion (GSD), SPDMphymod.</td>
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<td>Lot 6 – New Technology and Combined Systems</td>
<td>Areas of developing innovation or products which utilise technology that crosses two or more lot boundaries imposed.</td>
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<td>Lot 7 – Software</td>
<td>Modular digital imaging and microscope software for image acquisition, processing and analysis.</td>
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<td>Lot 8 – Lasers</td>
<td>Specialist laser components for microscopes such as diode or ion lasers.</td>
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<td>Lot 9 – Cameras</td>
<td>Specialist camera components for image acquisition in relation to life science applications and materials research.</td>
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<td>Lot 10 – Related Accessories and Consumables</td>
<td>Microscopy accessories, consumables and upgrades. Includes light sources, cameras, sample preparation equipment, objectives, filter sets etc.</td>
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<td>Lot 11 – Equipment Servicing of Low End Equipment</td>
<td>Comprehensive or preventative maintenance of standard &quot;of-the-shelf&quot; equipment out with its initial envisaged life cycle term.</td>
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<td>Lot 12 – Equipment Servicing of High End Equipment</td>
<td>Comprehensive or preventative maintenance of specialised equipment which may be bespoke, experimental or high value in nature out-with its initial envisaged life cycle term.</td>
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**What are the Key Aspects of the specification?**

Contractors on this Framework Agreement can provide, as a minimum: microscopes and imaging equipment, associated accessories and consumable and equipment servicing. Some Contractors appear on multiple lots.

**AGREEMENT BENEFITS**

This Framework Agreement offers the following benefits:

- A pre-competed and compliant route to market providing a vehicle to centralise procurement spend;
- Mitigation of Procurement risk surrounding EU Procurement;
- Reduction in administrative costs and efforts;
- Provides flexibility to Institutions to determine specific requirements at Call-off Contract in line with the Framework Agreement specification;
- Effective reporting mechanism to obtain accurate, timely and relevant management information;
- Corporate Social Responsibility – adherence to minimum standards;
- Discounted Pricing
- Pre-defined and agreed Terms and Conditions;
- Shared risk and management of Contractors.
For more detail on our Supply Chain Sustainability project please see the website and exploit good practice/opportunities where possible.

The Authority is committed to delivering Framework Agreements on behalf of its client Institutions that demonstrate and meet its sustainable procurement objectives, driving through positive social, environmental and economic impacts wherever possible.

In partnership with Institutions, the Authority has developed a Supply Chain Code of Conduct – Appendix D which sets out its expected standards for its supply chain in social, ethical and environmental compliance. All Contractors have completed the Supply Chain Code of Conduct.

The Contractors will be participating in the Authority’s Sustainable Supply Chain Audit Programme to determine their compliance with the Code of Conduct. This will involve completion of an on-line assessment questionnaire, provision of documentary evidence and supporting/facilitating potential site visits by the Authority or a nominated third party to assess site(s) compliance. The Authority is carrying out this audit programme on behalf of its client Institutions in order to assess the social, ethical, economic and environmental compliance of its suppliers and supply chain and will seek to eliminate poor/non-compliant practices and exploit good practice/opportunities where possible.

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### NEXT STEPS