

# Mass Spectrometry and Chromatography Equipment, Supply of LAB1016AP (LAB1016AP)

## SUMMARY

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Call-offs from this Framework Agreement are by ranking, mini-competiton or desktop evaluation only. The Framework Agreement and Call-off terms and conditions are the only terms and conditions applicable to any contract resulting from this Framework Agreement. Please refer to the buyer's guide.

## 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 2018/S 071-156860

LOT	LOT DESCRIPTION
Lot 1 – Mass Spectrometers	Including, but not limited to stand alone mass spectrometers (MS); inductively-coupled mass spectrometers (ICP-MS); capillary electrophoresis mass spectrometers (CE-MS); and other interfaces which are neither solely gas chromatography nor liquid chromatography.
Lot 2 – Gas Chromatographs	Including, but not limited to: For example, Flameionisation, Electron capture detector and other detectors which are not specifically Mass Spectrometers.
Lot 3 – Gas Chromatographs with Mass Spectrometers	Including, but not limited to: For example, Time of Flight (ToF); Quadropole (QMS) and other Gas Chromatography/ Mass Spectrometry equipment.
Lot 4 – Liquid Chromatographs	Including, but not limited to: For example, Ultraviolet fluorescence and other detectors which are neither Gas Chromatography or Mass Spectrometry.
Lot 5 – Liquid Chromatographs coupled with Mass Spectrometers	Including, but not limited to: Matrix assisted laser desorption/ionisation (MALDI), ION trap and other Liquid Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry equipment.
Lot 6 – Forthcoming Systems and Modular/Combined Systems	Any forthcoming technology which falls under the heading of Mass Spectrometry or Chromatography falls into this lot; as do any systems/interfaces/detectors made from a combination not mentioned in any of the other lots
Lot 7 – Related Consumables and Accessories	Any consumables or accessories which are specific to any of the equipment featured in any of the other lots in this Framework Agreement.
Lot 8 – Equipment Servicing	Comprehensive or preventative maintenance of standard equipment out with the agreed warranty period.

## What are the Key Aspects of the specification?

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

Please see Appendix B for a copy of the specification as used in the Invitation To Tender document

### 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.

## USING THE FRAMEWORK

### SUPPLIERS

Lot	Suppliers
Lot 1 - Mass Spectrometers	
Lot 2 – Gas Chromatographs	
Lot 3 – Gas Chromatographs with Mass Spectrometers	
Lot 4 – Liquid Chromatographs	
Lot 5 – Liquid Chromatographs coupled with Mass Spectrometers	
Lot 6 – Forthcoming Systems and Modular/Combined Systems	
Lot 7 – Related Consumables and Accessories	
Lot 8 – Equipment Servicing	

### SUSTAINABILITY

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 practise and exploit good practice/opportunities where possible.

For more detail on our Supply Chain Sustainability project please see the website <http://www.apuc-scot.ac.uk/#!/susproc.php>

## NEXT STEPS

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