

Furniture (FFE3103 NW)

SUMMARY

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End date: 30th April, 2021

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Please note the Buyers Guide is currently being drafted and is due to be available via HE Contracts wc. 6th May 2019. Apologies for the delay here.

Website:
<https://www.hecontracts.co.uk/agreements/724>

SCOPE

This agreement is split into three lots:

Lot 1: Office Furniture (Mainland UK and Islands)

Lot 2: Office Furniture (Northern Ireland)

Lot 3: Residential Furniture (Northern Ireland)

Suppliers on this framework agreement can provide, as a minimum:

Lots 1 and 2 - Office Furniture includes, but is not limited to, the supply, design, consultancy, installation and delivery of Desking (including office, bench, height adjustable, sit/stand desks and reception desking), Tables (including general and flip top), Task Seating (including office, task, specialised ergonomic), General Seating (including conference/visitor and stackable seating), Storage (including tambour units, bookcases, display units, storage units & cupboards, filing cabinets and pedestals), Screens and Accessories to participating Consortium Members. It is a mandatory requirement that the Potential Provider can supply ALL of the above product types through this Framework Agreement.

Lot 3 – Residential Furniture includes, but is not limited to, the supply, installation, design and consultancy of Beds, Frames and Mattresses, Bedroom Storage, Study Furniture, Kitchen and Bathroom Storage, Soft Seating and Kitchen and Dining Furniture. It is a mandatory requirement that the Potential Provider can supply ALL of the above product types through this Framework Agreement.

AGREEMENT BENEFITS

- Savings are generated by harnessing the buying power of all the participating consortia Members.
- A multi Supplier Framework Agreement will ensure that Suppliers remain competitive through the life of the Framework Agreement; and
- Members have an OJEU compliant route to the market.
- The Framework Agreement saves the member time and resource through reducing the process to contract with the supplier. Members can Call-Off from the Framework Agreement through Direct Award or Further Competition saving considerable resources and thus providing savings to Members in terms of tendering costs.
- NWUPC will be the Contract Manager for the Framework providing support to institutions and updates on market intelligence.

USING THE FRAMEWORK

Call Off Options Available:

- Direct Award
- Desktop Exercise
- Mini Competition

Please see the buyer's guide for further information on each of these call off mechanisms. There is a Desktop calculator available on HEContracts

SUPPLIERS

Lot	Suppliers
Lot 1 Office Furniture (Mainland UK and Islands)	BOF, EFG European Furniture Group Ltd, Gresham Office Furniture Ltd, Penkeths Limited, Portsdown Office Ltd, Senator International Ltd, Southernns Broadstock Limited, Wagstaff Interiors Group Ltd,
Lot 2 Office Furniture (Northern Ireland)	Alpha Marketing UK Ltd, Joseph Flanigan & Son Ltd, Moffett and Sons Limited TA Balmoral Furniture,
Lot 3 Residential Furniture (Northern Ireland)	Joseph Flanigan & Son Ltd, Moffett and Sons Limited TA Balmoral Furniture,

SUSTAINABILITY

The tender considered the following areas:

- Packaging- It is a mandatory requirement for suppliers to remove waste packaging following installation. Where installation is not required, packaging must consist of widely recyclable material, and/or materials taken from renewable and responsibly sourced resources or be a multi-use system i.e. reusable. There is a requirement to minimise packaging used in delivery of the framework and this was assessed at tender
- Redundant Furniture- Options for the management of obsolete furniture considering repair, refurbishment, reuse, remanufacturing and recycling
- Sourcing- including how products and inputs are sourced to encompass environmental, sustainable, social and ethical concerns. This included the sourcing of organically produced cotton and other natural fibres.
- Carbon impact- reduction and mitigation of the adverse impact of servicing the contract
- Labour standards and supply chain oversight.

The case study required consideration of sustainability through product selection to ensure easy repair, disassembly for recycling and reuse in part or whole; organisation, collection and re-use/recycling of existing furniture and the recycled content of furniture. The case study mandated that products offered contain materials of which at least 60% of which can be recycled and/or contain at least 40% of materials that have been re-used/re-cycled; and that the packaging used on all of the products be fully recyclable or reusable.

Furthermore, all suppliers are required to offer products which are certified with any of the following (or equivalent):

- Cradle 2 Cradle silver or above certified
- the company manufacturing the products is certified under the Furniture Industry Sustainability Programme (FISP) scheme
- are supplied with an environmental product declaration, written in accordance with ISO 14025 standards;
- have been awarded a Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA) 'level' certification;
- have been awarded the EU Ecolabel or equivalent label.

And fabric products which are certified under any of the following (or equivalent):

- Oeko Tex certified
- GreenGuard certified
- Cradle 2 Cradle silver or above certified
- Global Organic Textile Standard
- Global Recycle Standard
- SMART sustainable textile standard silver or above, or
- Nordic Swan labelled

NEXT STEPS

Please see the buyer's guide and supporting documentation available on HEContracts for more comprehensive information relating to this framework agreement.