Summary

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Contractors on this Framework Agreement can provide, as a minimum:

- Contractual coverage for the supply of quality products to APUC, NEUPC, LUPC, SUPC, and HEPCW
- Wide product list with controlled, fixed pricing
- Simple call off procedures through either ranked Contractors, Desktop Evaluation or mini competition
- Prescription safety glasses / eye wear service
- Measuring and kits issuing service (PPE)
- Measuring and issuing services (clothing / uniforms)
- Personalisation / Branding
- Alternative Sustainable products / clothing, including Vegan shoes (where available)
- GDPR is applicable to this Framework Agreement. Please see Schedules within Appendix E for GDPR Contractor Assessment forms.

Scope

What is in Scope:

- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- General Workwear
- Catering and Front of House wear
- Sports Clothing
- Footwear
- Laboratory Coats / Dentistry wear
- Specialist PPE
- Personalisation / Branding
- Repair and Takeback
- Measuring / fitting / issuing services
- Sustainable / Green / Vegan clothing and footwear options

Agreement Benefits
This Framework Agreement offers the following benefits/added value:

- A pre-competited 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.
- Ceiling rates/maximum pricing defined and agreed for the duration of the Framework Agreement. This pricing can be reduced further at time of mini competition.
- Effective reporting mechanism to obtain accurate, timely and relevant management information.
- Responsible Procurement activity is embedded where relevant and appropriate.
- Pre-defined and agreed Terms and Conditions.
- Corporate Social Responsibility – adherence to minimum standards.
- Shared risk and management of Contractors.
- Increased offering of environmentally friendly products.
- Adoption and communication of a formal sustainability policy including targets.
- Redundant product recycling.
- On-line pricing tool.
- Additional product end of life services.
- Re-use / Recycle old materials and clothing.
- Expand the lifespan of clothing/equipment.
- Reduce packaging with bigger pack sizes.
- Route planning for deliveries.

Sustainable solutions for institutions such as:

- Low or neutral carbon and environmental impact solutions
- Low pollution solutions (such as restricted or negligible noise pollution, light pollution, greenhouse gas pollution).
- Protection of biodiversity, biodiversity friendly and biodiversity enhancing solutions.
- Use of sustainable materials, including reused and recycled as well as reusable and recyclable materials.
- Sustainable / Green / Vegan clothing and shoe options.

For Contractors offering Sustainable / Green / Vegan clothing and shoe options and Personalisation and Branding Services please see Appendix K - Alternative Sustainable Products and Branding Information.

**Savings**

Average BT1 24.32% (Cash Savings) Average Price VS. Rank 1 Supplier

**BT14 Sustainability based benefits** - where costs are not normally relevant, sustainability-based benefits can be reported in a narrative format including but not limited to the following areas:

**Responsible Procurement**

- Reduction in waste – packaging and/or further use of residue from processes etc.
- Reduction in consumption – use of raw materials (consumables, utilities etc.)
- Recycling and/or reuse of products.
- Enhanced Reputation and/or marketing opportunities.
- Carbon Reduction.
- Social, equality and/or environmental improvements.
- Fair Work i.e. Contractors paying Living Wage/accredited.

**Community Benefits Delivery**

The community benefits have been offered to APUC members throughout the duration of the Framework Agreement.

Please see Appendix J – Community Benefits for details.
SUSTAINABILITY

- Reduction in waste
- Reusable packaging
- Reduction in packaging
- Protection of biodiversity, biodiversity friendly and biodiversity enhancing solutions
- Use of sustainable materials, including reused and recycled as well as reusable and recyclable materials.
- Sustainable / Green / Vegan clothing and shoe options

NEXT STEPS