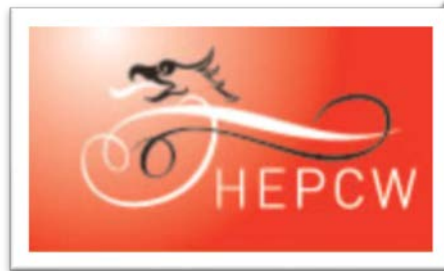
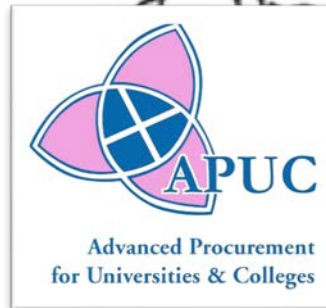


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***UK National Framework Agreement for the
Supply of Microscopes and Imaging
Equipment***

What Is APUC Ltd?



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What Is a Framework Agreement?

A Framework Agreement is an agreement put in place with a range of Suppliers which enables Buyers to purchase goods and services without running lengthy full tendering exercises.

Benefits for Buyers

- Quicker route to market
- Compliant with UK procurement regulations and directives
- Mitigation of procurement risks
- Pre-defined and agreed terms and conditions
- Assurance of Supplier's compliance with sustainability minimum standards
- Assurance of Supplier's business continuity

Benefits for Suppliers

- Quicker route to sales
- Reduction in tendering administration
- Platform to advertise specialism, technology etc.
- Pre-defined and agreed terms and conditions
- Centralised market information and customer feedback

How can I buy from this Framework Agreement?

Rank

Where an Institution's Financial Regulations and Procurement Policy allow some Framework Agreements have the option to go directly to a Supplier. This option requires an Institution to contract directly with the first ranked Supplier unless the first ranked supplier confirms that they don't have capacity to undertake the work or cannot respond within the required timescales or there are other relevant issues such as conflict of interest, in which case the Institution should go to the second ranked Supplier and so on.

Mini-Competition

The most popular call-off mechanism is a mini-competition. Institution wishing to undertake a mini-competition invite all suppliers appointed to the relevant lot to respond to their ITQ.

Desktop Evaluation

There are two forms of desktop evaluation; desktop further competition and direct desktop award. A desktop further competition requires an Institution to use the Framework Agreement evaluation scores and alter the weightings of the criteria in line with the Institutions requirements. Alternations must be reasonable and defensible. A direct desktop award requires an Institution to select the Framework Agreements award criteria which is deemed of significant importance to the Institutions' requirement then add the supplier's scores together for those criteria to ascertain the correct Supplier to appoint.

The Framework Agreement for the Supply of Microscopes and Imaging Equipment

Start Date	31/05/2018
End Date	30/05/2021
Extension	12 months ending 30/05/2022

What can I buy from this Framework Agreement?

Compound
Microscopes

Laser Scanning
Microscopes and
Imaging Systems

Stereo and Zoom
Microscopes

Medical
Microscopes

Super Resolution &
Enhanced
Resolution
Microscopes

New Technology
and Combined
Systems

Software

Lasers

Cameras

Related
Accessories/
Consumables

Equipment
servicing £5k and
under

Equipment
servicing over £5k



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