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Residential Textiles, Student Starter Packs and Window Coverings

Contracting Authority NWUPC

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Key Information

Framework Start Date	01/03/2022
Current End Date	28/02/2026
Procurement Regulation	PCR2015

Framework Suppliers

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Bridge Contract Solutions Ltd.
Custom Group Ltd.
Gailarde Ltd.
Herbert Parkinson Ltd.
Milly Contract Furnishings Ltd.
Skopos Fabrics Ltd.
Student Essentials
Thomas Kneale & Co. Ltd.

Lot Information

01 : Bedding & Bathroom Textiles & Associated Student Accommodation Products

Gailarde Ltd.
Thomas Kneale & Co. Ltd.

02 : Kitchen Starter Packs and Associated Kitchenware

Student Essentials
Thomas Kneale & Co. Ltd.

03 : Window Coverings Scotland

Milly Contract Furnishings Ltd.
Skopos Fabrics Ltd.
Thomas Kneale & Co. Ltd.

04 : Window Coverings Northern Ireland

Bridge Contract Solutions Ltd.
Gailarde Ltd.
Herbert Parkinson Ltd.
Milly Contract Furnishings Ltd.
Skopos Fabrics Ltd.
Thomas Kneale & Co. Ltd.

05 : Window Coverings England and Wales

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Scope of Requirements

These lists are not exhaustive.

Lot 1- Bedding and bathroom textiles for use predominantly in student residential accommodation & conferencing settings. Suppliers will be required, on a national basis, to supply, the following in a variety of fabrics and sizes: Bedding Textiles not limited to bedlinen & bedding packs; duvets, pillows, mattress and bedding protectors, blankets. Bathroom Textiles including towels, face cloths, bathmats, and shower curtains; along with other associated accommodation products. This list is not exhaustive.

Lot 2 - Kitchen starter packs and associated kitchenware for use predominantly in student residential accommodation & conferencing settings. Suppliers will be required, on a national basis, to supply, the following items both in packs & individually: cooking aids including but not limited to pans, boards, sheets, glassware, stoneware, ceramicware, knives, utensils, and storage. Diningware including but not limited to cutlery, crockery, glass, and plastic tableware.

Lot 3 - Supply only and supply & installation of a range of curtains and blinds including but not limited to manual and electric roller, venetian, & vertical blinds in a range of fabrics and materials; black out, dim out, lined & non-lined curtains in a range of fabrics; and window films. Products will be provided in both occupied and unoccupied areas of a member institution's estate including but not limited to student, residential and commercial accommodation, teaching areas including lecture theatres, bathrooms, offices, storerooms, reception areas, corridors, and stairways. I

Lot 4 - Supply only and supply & installation of a range of curtains and blinds including but not limited to manual and electric roller, venetian, & vertical blinds in a range of fabrics and materials; black out, dim out, lined & non-lined curtains in a range of fabrics; and window films. Products will be provided in both occupied and unoccupied areas of a member institution's estate including but not limited to student, residential and commercial accommodation, teaching areas including lecture theatres, bathrooms, offices, storerooms, reception areas, corridors, and stairways.

Lot 5 - Supply only and supply & installation of a range of curtains and blinds including but not limited to manual and electric roller, venetian, & vertical blinds in a range of fabrics and materials; black out, dim out, lined & non-lined curtains in a range of fabrics; and window films. Products will be provided in both occupied and unoccupied areas of a member institution's estate including but not limited to student, residential and commercial accommodation, teaching areas including lecture theatres, bathrooms, offices, storerooms, reception areas, corridors, and stairways.

Accessibility

APUC; CPC; HEPCW; LUPC; NEUPC; NWUPC; SUPC

Call Off Method

This Framework Agreement allows you to buy through three options:

- Direct Award
- Mini-competition
- Desktop Exercise

You should choose the option most appropriate to your purchase taking into consideration; your Organisational Procurement Guidance and Financial Regulations, the product you wish to purchase and the specific requirements of your organisation.

Responsible Procurement

The NETpositive Supplier Engagement Tool will be used as part of contract management. The UKUPC Supply Chain Code of Conduct was issued to suppliers as part of this tender.

At Selection Suppliers were assessed for:

- Compliance with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Payment of the Real Living Wage
- Ability to offer products with the SKA Rating Product Compliance Label
- Ability to offer products carrying the STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®

Recognising both the environmental and social risks associated with in-scope products, with the award criteria, suppliers were asked questions on the following topics:

The Whole Life Environmental Impact of Products considering:

- Obtaining raw materials
- Manufacturing
- Delivery
- Use of goods
- End of life

Packaging content and packaging volume reduction- on an annual basis, suppliers will be required to evidence steps taken to reduce overall packaging volume and single-use plastic packaging. This will include, but not be limited to, a requirement to report on:

- Packaging composition and volume by individual product
- Percentage (%) of recycled packaging content by individual product

Supply Chain Traceability Lot 1 – the ability to offer, or will work towards, product traceability for in scope products. For cotton products, this means being able to identify at a minimum: cotton grower, spinning mill, fabric mill, cut and sew factory. For suppliers successfully awarded to lot 1, current product traceability maturity will be assessed at award through the completion of Appendix J- Cotton Supply Chain Traceability. Areas of improvement will be identified, and these will form the basis of contract review meetings. Suppliers must also work towards understanding and demonstrating:

- Forced labour risks across the tiers of their supply chains
- How forced labour risks are managed across the tiers of their supply chains

Added Value

The benefits of using this Framework Agreement are:

- More advantageous pricing based on economies of scale from aggregated spend, with no price increases considered prior to 28th February 2023.
- A detailed Specification of Requirements is provided covering relevant standards and labelling requirements.
- The call-off Terms and Conditions have been established at framework.
- Reduced administrative effort and associated cost savings.
- Multiple methods of call-off including direct award, desktop exercise and full mini-competition including permitted variation of weightings
- Direct sales to students are expressly incorporated with a dedicated set of terms and conditions to support such arrangements
- The ability to request bespoke/customised prints; and the ability to tailor starter packs to meet institutional requirements
- Access to products with recognised certifications such as the SKA Rating Product Compliance Label or STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX®
- Access to Real Living Wage accredited suppliers where required
- Contract management initiatives around supply chain traceability for high-risk products, and packaging initiatives to support the move away from single use packaging
- The development of a longer-term relationship with suppliers which is mutually beneficial.
- The Framework allows for the flexibility to determine specific requirements at the call off stage.
- Framework Agreements support longer term business planning as they span a period of typically four years and allow some stability from market fluctuations.
- NWUPC and your Consortium will provide contract management support to you should you experience any issues with suppliers and will act in your best interests.

For further information, please refer to the [Buyers Guide](#)

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