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Grocery, Frozen and Chilled

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Key Information

Framework Start Date 01/05/2023

Current End Date 30/04/2025

Framework Suppliers

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Bidfood (formerly Bidvest Foodservice (formerly 3663))
Blakemore Food Service
Brakes Bros
Castell Howell Foods Ltd
Cleggs Chilled Foodservice
Creed Food Service Ltd
Dunsters Farm Ltd
Fife Creamery Limited
HN Nuttall Limited
Harlech Foodservice
Hopwells Ltd
J & R
KFF Foodservice
Lomond Fine Foods Ltd
Philip Dennis
The Little Food Company
Trevors Foodservice
Vegetarian Express

Scope of Requirements

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 restricted procedure tendering process and advertised on Find a Tender and Contracts Ref 2022/S 000-034643.

(Lot 1 – 5 are for supply to the HE and FE members of TUCO)

Lot 1 – Grocery & Chilled

Lot 2 – Frozen & Chilled

Lot 3 – Chilled

Lot 4 – Vegan & Vegetarian

Lot 5 – Grocery, Frozen & Chilled One-stop

(Lots 6 - 10 are for suppliers wishing to supply the Local Authorities and other organisations who meet TUCO membership criteria)

Lot 6 – Grocery & Chilled

Lot 7 – Frozen & Chilled

Lot 8 – Chilled

Lot 9 – Vegan & Vegetarian

Lot 10 – Grocery, Frozen & Chilled One-stop

Users of this framework may choose to use all or part of the scope of this agreement.

Accessibility

Members of the following organisations can access this framework agreement:

Advance Procurement for Universities and Colleges (APUC)

Higher Education Purchasing Consortium Wales (HEPCW)

London Universities Purchasing Consortium (LUPC)

North Western Universities Purchasing Consortium (NWUPC)

North Eastern Universities Purchasing Consortium (NEUPC)

Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC)

TUCO Ltd (TUCO)

Call Off Method

Call-off from this framework agreement is by means of [direct award / further-competition / combination ranked and further-competition]

Institutions will determine the correct lot to use when placing a call-off contract from the framework agreement by assessing their requirement against the available lots.

1. Direct award without re-opening competition.
2. Mixture of direct award and mini-competition (New).
3. Mini-competitions.

For full details, please see Buyer's Guide

<https://www.tuco.ac.uk/procurement/frameworks/grocery-frozen-and-chilled>

Responsible Procurement

The NETpositive Supplier Engagement Tool will be used as part of contract management.

At Selection Suppliers were assessed for:

- Compliance with the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act 2015
- Payment of the Real Living Wage

Added Value

There are several benefits to using this framework:

- It is free to use for customers.
- Eliminates the need for organisations to individually undertake their own full procurement exercise, which saves time and resources.
- Simplifies the process and removes the cost to public sector bodies in procuring the services and providers.
- Legally compliant framework agreement developed within the EU public procurement regulations.
- Consistent terms & conditions of contract.
- Opportunity for further savings through further competition.
- Opportunities for savings through economies of scale
- Retrospective discounts
- Drop Discounts

General benefits of TUCO membership:

- Delivering annual savings to members in excess of £15million
- £146million+ annual spend
- Giving members access to almost 300 quality-assured suppliers
- 21 EU-compliant framework agreements
- Full time CIPS qualified team dedicated to cutting costs
- No barriers to entry – 80% of TUCO suppliers are SMEs or micro enterprises
- Award-winning training academy
- In-depth, insightful market intelligence through TUCO research
- Sharing best-practice through member case studies
- Access to added-value benefits such as:
 - TUCO Online: a revolutionary web-based eProcurement system that provides a dynamic online purchasing portal
 - Further Competitions: a personalised procurement service that is FREE to members - we work with your staff to offer as much or as little support as they need, freeing them up to focus on other areas.

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

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