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Contracting Updates

Renewals

Estates

- [Grounds Maintenance](#)

This CPC agreement is currently being retendered and is in the evaluation stage, the new agreement is planned to commence in November 2020.

Furniture and Furnishing

- [White Goods and Associated Products and Services](#)

Work on the retender for the White Goods and Associated Products and Services agreement is currently underway, the current agreement has been extended until the 28th of February 2021.

Library

- [Library Resources](#)

This CPC retender is currently in the evaluation stage and is due to commence in October, the current agreement has therefore been extended by 3 months to the 31st of October 2020.

Professional Services

- [Global Mobility Support Services](#)

Work has commenced on the retender for the Global Mobility Support Services agreement, if anybody would like to be part of the Tender Working Party for this please contact the Category Manager for Professional Services, Natasha Peacock at natasha.peacock@nwupc.ac.uk. The current agreement is being extended to the 31st of March 2021.

New Agreements

Laboratories

- [Life Sciences Reagents, Kits & Consumables](#)

NEUPC announced the Life Sciences Reagents, Kits & Consumables agreement is now available for NWUPC members to use. The agreement went live on the 9th March 2020 and details can be found at [HEContracts](#).

- [Personal Protection Equipment, Clothing and Uniforms \(PPE\)](#)

CPC announced that the new PPE, Clothing and Uniforms framework went live on the 10th of May 2020 as scheduled. Details can be found at [HEContracts](#).

Office Supplies & Equipment

- [Arts & Craft Materials](#)

Arts & Craft Materials was launched in May 2020 by NEUPC and has been made available to NWUPC Members. Full details can be found at [HEContracts](#).

Extensions

Computing

- [IT Equipment Recycling and Disposal](#)

The IT Equipment Recycling and Disposal arrangement with Computer Disposals Limited has been extended until the 31st of March 2021.

- [Servers, Storage & Solutions National Agreement \(SSSNA\)](#)

The SSSNA agreement has been extended until 30th April 2021 with the successor agreement commencing on the 1st of May 2021. Work will commence shortly on the re-tender.

Domestic

- [Washroom Services and Associated Products and Services](#)

Subject to an extension Washroom Services & Associated Products & Services has a start date of the 1st of May 2021.

Estates

- [Air Filters, Associated Products and Services](#)

The Air Filters, Associated Products and Services Framework has been extended for its final year to the end of July 2021. Work will begin on the retender for this agreement at the end of this year.

Furniture and Furnishing

- [White Goods & Associated Products & Services](#)

NWUPC reviewed the tender timelines for all forthcoming agreements. Subject to an extension White Goods & Associated Products & Services has a start date of the 1st of March 2021.

Professional Services

- [Global Mobility Support Services](#)

The Global Mobility Support Services agreement has now been extended for a further 6 months to the end of March 2021. Work is already in progress for the retender of this agreement.

Travel

- [Vehicle Hire](#)

The Vehicle Hire Framework has been extended until the 31st of March 2021. As noted below, work has already started on outlining a new agreement with emphasis on non-convention fuelled vehicles Please contact david.canham@nwupc.ac.uk for further details.

Forthcoming Agreements

A new Vehicle hire Agreement is currently under consideration. The current Framework VEH 3085NW expires on the 31st of March 2021. With the Government Drive for Carbon Neutral by 2040, there will be further research into the impact on any new Agreements. As travel is taking a high priority within members due to the Covid 19 impact, resource may be constrained to launch a new Vehicle Hire Agreement to follow on directly from the existing Agreement.

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Staff News

In February 2020 we welcomed David Canham to the team as our new Senior Category Manager and for the last six months David has been leading on the Laboratory, Audio Visual and Travel categories. In September David will be leaving the company, we wish him well in his retirement. David has become a valued member of the company and an asset to the Contracting Team, he will be missed. Further information regarding the Category Manager for Laboratory, Audio Visual and Travel categories will be issued shortly.

NWUPC Change of Contact Details

Following a review of our IT support and service we have embarked on a new contract with a local Manchester based provider, Everything Tech. As expected with a new provider some changes to our systems and processes are required, all however will enable us to provide improved and efficient services. The main noticeable change is the allocation of new email accounts to @nwupc.ac.uk. Full details of all our new email addresses can [be found here](#).

Category Groups

It gives me great pleasure to update you once again on events and activities that has taken place within our Category Group meetings over the summer. I am sure you will agree with me that the last couple of months has been most challenging of times due to the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Consortium immediately took the decision to move all our Category Group meetings for the summer and autumn term online. These virtual meetings have been working well and well attended by members across all the Category Groups. At the summer term group meetings, members across all the category groups gave updates about measures taken by their institution against Coronavirus, challenges faced, and successes recorded. Members also discussed current tendering activities, plans for the next couple of months and support from suppliers.

The autumn term group meetings will continue to focus on ongoing actions by Universities amid Coronavirus, support from suppliers as well as plans for the return of students. These meetings are a great opportunity for members to share challenges facing their Universities, including measures that have been put in place for student and staff health and welfare, admissions issues, the longer-term impact of Coronavirus on Universities and support needed from NWUPC.

The 2020 autumn Category Group meeting schedule has been agreed and circulated; details can be found below.

Audio Visual	Wednesday 11 th November 2020	To be held online
Computer	Friday 6 th November 2020	To be held online
Domestic	Wednesday 14 th October 2020	To be held online
Estates	Wednesday 21 st October 2020	To be held online
Furniture	Friday 2 nd October 2020	To be held online
Heads of Procurement	Wednesday 23 rd September 2020	To be held online
Laboratory	Wednesday 25 th November 2020	To be held online
Office Solutions	Friday 16 th October 2020	To be held online
Professional Services	Friday 15 th September 2020	To be held online

We will continue to actively engage with a range of suppliers across all the relevant Category Group frameworks in line with our commitment to provide value for money for our members.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your total commitment and valuable support to all our Category Groups. I hope you continue to find our meetings beneficial and look forward to meeting you all again soon.

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Membership Services Coordinator

NWUPC Ltd

NWUPC Membership News

We are pleased to announce 2 new Affiliate Members have joined NWUPC, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust and North Yorkshire County Council.

Sector News

Overall sector news has been dominated by COVID-19 and the return to work for our Members.

[Covid-19: Back to Work Products and Services with NWUPC](#)

To help our Members to quickly and easily source essential back to work products and services we have put together a helpful page showing a range of key areas identified to us and the Framework Agreements that cover these requirements. Further information can be found at the [NWUPC Website](#).

[Weekly update of priority PPE items with CPC](#)

As part of the CPC Framework Agreement - Personal Protection Equipment, Clothing and Uniforms (PPE), CPC have put together a weekly update on a list of priority PPE items. This document provides an up to date view of the lead times and stock levels of the awarded suppliers for a list of products that have been highlighted as urgent requirements at the moment. Full details can [be found here](#).

An Interview with...

David Yates – NWUPC's Category Manager for Computer Supplies & Services, Office Solutions and Libraries

[What does your typical day look like at NWUPC?](#)

At present, we have a Teams meeting every morning to catch up with the rest of the contracting team, and talk through what each of us is doing that day/week ahead. At the moment, I'm working on the Books Framework LIB 4035 SU, getting acquainted with a new category, IT & Computing and assisting our friends at APUC with a tender evaluation.

[What is your favourite part of your role at NWUPC?](#)

Having worked in procurement in the private sector for 30 years, just being in the public sector means that "every day's a school day" for me.

[Is there anything you are excited to be working on?](#)

Bringing the experience outside of HE Frameworks to the suppliers and members.

[A fun fact about me that you might not know is...](#)

I've completed almost 75 half marathons and ten full marathons, two of which were in London. I've also visited and been inside 10 Downing Street.

What would your perfect weekend consist of?

Time with my family, a good book, an hour or so in a pub garden and cooking for the family and friends.

What would you take with you on a deserted island that you couldn't manage without?

Music.

Next thing on your bucket list...?

I've been fortunate to be able to visit most of the places in the world I've always wanted to see, but Australia is the one place that eludes me.

Poppadom or Bread?

Bread.

What is your favourite chocolate bar?

I can live without chocolate but my weakness is Swizzel Double Lollies!

