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Engineering Inspection Services User Guide

Ref No: 1014

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Giving you a helping hand to choose the right framework for your school





About YPO

We provide contractual solutions for schools all around the UK, helping you set up or renew contracts for a wide range of products and services..

Established in 1974 by a group of 13 local authorities, we’re the UK’s largest public sector buying organisation and we’re still 100% publicly-owned today. We work closely with our suppliers and collaborate with other public sector buying organisations to achieve efficiencies and value for money, returning all our profits back into the public purse.

We can negotiate the best deal for you by combining your demands with those of other customers to create economies of scale. This means that you receive the best possible solutions and prices without ever having to compromise on service or quality.

Our team of experienced and qualified procurement professionals can offer you advice, guidance and expertise on procurement, as well as supporting you through the process if you need any extra help.

Framework overview

We’ve got a range of frameworks to help schools set up contract agreements with our supply base. But what exactly is a framework?

Framework: A framework is an agreement put in place with a supplier or a range of suppliers, allowing you to place an order for products (e.g. furniture, first aid equipment), services (e.g. energy, electronic kitchen management, cleaning etc) or works (e.g. building works) in a quick and easy way.

Engineering Inspection Services - 1014 Professional Services Framework	
Start date:	5 August 2022
Expiry date:	4 August 2026
Extension(s) if applicable:	N/A
Contract notice ref no:	2022/S 000-010906
Potential maximum value:	£12.5m
Geographical location(s):	National





Framework summary

Whether you are an independent school or academy, you need to meet statutory requirements and safety obligations to keep your staff and students safe.

This framework covers engineering inspection services for your school, including:

- Electrical Equipment
- Lifts and Lifting Equipment
- Boilers and Pressure Systems
- Local Exhaust Ventilation
- Power Press
- General Work Equipment
- And more!

Category (lot)	Description	Method of awarding a supplier
1	Engineering Inspection Services (including insurance)	Direct award/further competition

Benefits of using our food and catering frameworks:

1. Wide choice of local and national providers
2. Innovative and flexible approach to helping you with your procurement activities
3. Specialist teams on-hand to guide you through the complex world of corporate and professional services
4. Bespoke solutions created with you in mind





Step by step guide...

on how to select your preferred supplier from the framework

Further competition:

This simple to run procurement exercise is in place to help you select the most suitable supplier to meet your requirements creating fair 'competition' between them, to make sure you get the best value for money. All the suppliers have been through a thorough vetting process before being awarded onto our frameworks - one less thing for you to worry about.

Step 1: Initial enquiry

- Customer contacts YPO for information
- The relevant team discusses the requirements with you and provides a user guide for more information
- If you're happy to go ahead, you must complete an access agreement which the team will send you

Step 2: Meeting customer requirements

- We can offer support and provide templates, helping to write individual specifications and requirements, tailoring your contact to your exact needs
- Further catch ups or discussions may be required and we can go through anything you're not sure of. We're to offer you as much or as little support as you need
- Initial timescales are then proposed
- Draft documents are created
- Unique customer code is generated which will be referenced on all documentation going forward

Step 3: Further competition

- We will issue the further competition documents to the relevant suppliers on the framework
- We're on-hand to manage any queried or clarifications from the suppliers, or you can manage this part independently
- Further competition closes and we'll provide you with all supplier submissions
- You'll go through and evaluate the submissions and select the most suitable supplier to meet your requirements - we're available to help you with evaluation and on a project by project basis, subject to discussion





Step 4: Contract award

- We'll issue the acceptance letter to the winning supplier, as well as the rejection letters to the unsuccessful suppliers via our e-portal
- There's then an optional 10-day standstill/cooling off period which we advise you take. During this time you can't have any contact with the winning or losing suppliers
- The chosen supplier is awarded and you can start working with them
- Once your contract is set up, we're still available to help you with any questions you may have

Direct award:

To carry out a direct award all you need to do is complete an access agreement form and return this to us, then select the supplier you'd like to work with from the pre-approved list on page 6.

Get in touch with the education procurement team educationprocurement@ypo.co.uk and they'll send you a form to fill out.

Once an agreement is in place, please let us know who you've chosen as your supplier.





Suppliers on this framework

Ashdale Engineering UK Ltd

Ashdale Engineering UK Ltd are a medium-sized independent engineering inspections company formed in 1989 who cover the UK and worldwide. They specialise in public sector sites ranging from councils, schools and academies, universities and colleges, NHS trusts, care homes, and the MoD.

Ashdale are UKAS Type-A accredited, BSi-9001 registered. They mainly carry out engineering inspection services and workplace risk assessments (including Legionella) and provide a range of technical advice and guidance concerning your risks and requirements.

British Engineering Services Ltd

Testing, inspections, and certification is our core business so that's what gets 100% of our focus. This is everything we do, and we've really set the benchmark high. We cover an extensive range of engineering services. We'll make sure you get access to the latest technological innovations, along with dedicated ongoing advice and support.

We'll work with you every step of the way to keep your people safe, your equipment productive and your school or academy legally compliant.

Risk Management Partners (RMP)

RMP and our partner HSB have been delivering engineering inspection and insurance solutions to the public sector for over 25 years as well as offering a range of consultancy services. We understand how important it is to keep your public bodies moving as no one likes uncertainty.

HSB are fiercely proud of their UKAS accredited A Body status, their seven RoSPA Gold awards and their SAFed membership. What sets HSB apart however is 97% customer satisfaction rating that shows how we can adapt and respond to your needs and deliver on our promises.

Zurich

Zurich Engineering is one of the UK's leading providers of inspection and consultancy services. Part of Zurich Insurance plc we offer a wide range of engineering products, including insurance in both the public sector and private sector.

We deliver engineering solutions for businesses and organisations of all types and sizes, from small schools to large local authorities and automotive manufacturers, fire & rescue services to high street store chains, NHS trusts, police, educational establishments, and charities.





Terms and conditions

Suppliers/providers awarded to the framework agreement have agreed to and signed YPO's standard Terms and Conditions. These can only be amended if running a further competition by the customer and supplier/provider by mutual agreement to include additional terms to supplement the standard Terms and Conditions. A variation form is included in the standard Terms and Conditions document to allow customers and suppliers/providers to amend any terms if required. Customers direct awarding have to use the standard terms and conditions the suppliers/providers have agreed to.

Contact information

You can get in touch with the education procurement team for more information using the contact details below:

@ educationprocurement@ypo.co.uk





Glossary

Framework

A framework is an agreement put in place with a supplier or a range of suppliers, allowing you to place an order for products (e.g. furniture, first aid equipment – something you can touch), services (e.g. energy, electronic kitchen management, cleaning etc) or works (e.g. building works) in a quick and easy way.

Frameworks are usually set up with large volume buying in mind. This doesn't mean that you need to purchase a large amount but when you add together all the potential customer spend or volume, you can often achieve better prices and/or value for money for everyone through buying in this way.

A framework agreement will contain a set of agreed terms and conditions that apply to any contract awarded under it. All our frameworks have been put in place to comply with the Public Contract Regulations. Any supplier awarded onto one of our frameworks will have had due diligence undertaken on them and each supplier will have been evaluated to make sure they have the right policies and procedures in place to deliver quality products, services and works to our public sector customers whilst achieving value for money.

Contract

This is a legally binding agreement between you and one supplier. You're able to call off any framework agreement or DPS to meet your school's needs and only when a call off order is placed and accepted is a contract created. The five rules of contract formation will then be met.

These are:

1. Offer (The offer of work you've placed with the supplier)
2. Acceptance (by the supplier to fulfil your order)
3. Consideration (price)
4. Intention to be legally bound (issuing of the call off contract)
5. Capacity to contract (e.g. authorised signatures to the call off contract)

A framework on the other hand is not strictly a contract as no money has changed hands but is an overarching umbrella agreement under which contracts can be created. The framework doesn't commit either party to actually enter into a contract, but it does set out the terms and conditions, which will apply if a contract is created.





Call off

A call off is another way of saying ‘placing an order’. You’re able to call off any framework agreement or DPS to meet the needs of your school. Depending on how the framework’s been set up, you might be able to carry out a direct award.

Direct award

A direct award is when all award criteria have already been evaluated for you. A direct award allows you to make an award to your chosen supplier without opening up your procurement exercise to other suppliers. This can be a fast and straightforward way to procure goods in a compliant way. This process is quick and easy and can be done in a matter of days. Frameworks can be set up in two ways to either allow for a direct award or a further competition.

Further competition

A further competition is where you’ll set out your exact requirements and allow suppliers appointed onto a framework or DPS to give you their best solution and price for what you need. You can then evaluate the suppliers against your bespoke requirements. This is slightly more time consuming, but it’s still quicker than doing your own procurement. A further competition is also referred to sometimes as a mini competition.

Lot

This is usually part of the framework that’s been broken down into smaller sections/ categories. Think of it like the YPO catalogue that’s broken down into sections e.g. pens, paper, chairs. Frameworks are often broken down this way into smaller areas, to encourage small and medium sized enterprises or organisations the opportunity to bid for public sector contracts and encourage competition so we can deliver the best value to our customers.

The beauty of calling off a YPO framework or DPS is that the contract will have already been prepared for you with just the blanks to fill in. This will have been agreed with all the suppliers on the framework or DPS. Also, all suppliers have been pre-evaluated and checks carried out on them to make sure they’re suitable. We can support you through the entire process and any special conditions can be easily added into the contract.

