

To Whom it may concern

## Supply of Goods and Services to Perth College UHI

I am writing to you in response to your interest for the supply of goods or services to Perth College UHI. The following information is intended to offer guidance on how the College procures such services both now and in future.

In response to Scottish Government initiatives over the last couple of years, procurement across the entire public sector is currently going through significant change in order to optimise tender prices and in order to streamline and improve public sector procurement procedures to ensure compliance with European Union legislation regarding open competition across member states. The result of this is a growth in the number and size of framework agreements for the provision of supplies and services across common activities in the public sector.

Perth College is a member of APUC (Advanced Procurement for Universities and Colleges,) a body run on behalf of the Education Sector in Scotland that is developing and tendering framework agreements for an ever expanding number of supplies and services. Over the past 12 months we have joined a number of framework agreements and intend to increase this number further over the next 12-18 months to cover the majority of our supplies and services. In the majority of cases, these framework agreements are in place for up to three years whereupon they are then put out to tender for renewal.

In exceptional cases where there is deemed to exist a single supplier of goods or services or where the framework does not address specific needs, the College will seek to appoint an alternative supplier to secure an economically best value price. In all cases procurement of any goods and services is in accordance with the College's internal Financial Regulations, a copy of these may be viewed on our website using the following link:

[www.perth.ac.uk/foi/Pages/Procurement.aspx](http://www.perth.ac.uk/foi/Pages/Procurement.aspx).

Any supplier or service provider can tender for any national framework agreement that it chooses at any point that the framework agreement is out to tender but they do require to register on the Procurement Scotland portal if they wish to be considered for any public sector contracts for the future. Further details are available via the following website: [www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/](http://www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk/).

Yours sincerely



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