



Spring 2010 Update



Welcome to the second edition of the Collaborative Food Procurement Programme's newsletter. There have been several important developments since our last newsletter so there is a lot to update you on. As always if you have any comments or would like further information about the Programme, please contact us at foodprocurement@ogc.gsi.gov.uk.

**** Conference Update ****

Unfortunately we have had to move the date of the event back to **Tuesday 6th July 2010** at the Birmingham Hippodrome, and not the 24th March as originally planned.

If you have already registered for the conference and are able to make 6th July, you don't need to do anything, as you will be automatically re-registered.

If you have yet to register for the conference there are spaces still available, however they are filling up quickly, so to secure your space or if you have any other queries please contact the OGC Service Desk on 0845 000 4999. or e-mail foodprocurement@ogc.gsi.gov.uk

Collaborative Food Procurement Calendar

Your regular look ahead to the ready-to-use deals that will go live over the next few months.

Product	Procured by	Starts
Commercial Catering Equipment	PRO5	Feb 2010
Meat	PRO5	April 2010
Deep Frozen	PRO5	April 2010
Commercial Refrigeration	Buying Solutions	April 2010
Vending offering	Buying Solutions	May 2010
Canned Fish	PRO5	July 2010
Prime Cooking	Buying Solutions	Late 2010
Catering Services	PRO 5	Late 2010
Tableware and Light Kitchen Equipment	Buying Solutions	Early 2011

A number of new collaborative framework agreements; including ones for products such as canned fish, a selection of whole foods (including dried rice & pasta and pulses), flour, canned fruit, canned vegetables, bread & morning goods, sugar & sugar substitutes and milk; will be going live throughout 2010-11. The calendar will be added to as soon as new contract start dates are announced.

Don't forget that for more information about deals that are already available, please search the [OGC Contracts Database](#) under 'Facilities'.

To find out more about any of the upcoming deals in our calendar contact the relevant organisation:

[PRO5: Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation](#)

[PRO5: Yorkshire Purchasing Organisation](#)

[PRO5: Central Buying Consortium](#)

[PRO5: North East Purchasing Organisation](#)

[PRO5: West Mercia Supplies](#)

[Buying.Solutions](#)

- make a significant contribution to rural communities, and
- allow us to show global leadership on food sustainability.
- Our food security is ensured through strong British agriculture and international trade links with EU and global partners, which support developing economies.
- The UK has a low carbon food system which is efficient with resources – any waste is reused, recycled or used for energy generation.

It makes clear that Government and the wider public sector has a role to play in leading by example through the food it buys. For example, through our work to integrate sustainability into collaborative food procurement and the Healthier Food Mark which will set out sustainability and nutritional criteria for food procured by the public sector.

For further information:

<http://defraweb/foodfarm/food/pdf/food2030strategy.pdf>

<http://defraweb/foodfarm/food/pdf/food2030strategy-summary.pdf>

Food 2030 – Governments new food strategy

Hilary Benn launched the Government's food strategy, *Food 2030*, on 5 January. This is the Government's first comprehensive food strategy since the Second World War. It focuses on ensuring the sustainability and security of our food for the next 20 years.

The vision it sets out for 2030 is

- Consumers are informed, can choose, and afford, healthy, sustainable food. This demand is met by profitable, competitive, highly skilled and resilient farming, fishing and food businesses, supported by first class research and development.

Food is produced, processed and distributed to feed a growing global population in ways which:

- use global natural resources sustainably,
- enable the continuing provision of the benefits and services that a healthy natural environment provides,
- promote high standards of animal health and welfare,
- protect food safety,



"Food 2030... the Government's first comprehensive food strategy since the Second World War."

OGC and Defra issue new advice note on award criteria for pork and bacon

On 3rd February 2010, Defra and OGC jointly issued an advice note to public sector procurers explaining how animal welfare standards can now be considered at the award stage of procurements for pig meat products. The key aim of the criterion is to improve the quality of the pig meat products

purchased by contracting authorities, whilst also recognising the importance of improving animal health and welfare standards.

In support of the Government's and EU's objectives to procure healthier and more sustainable food for the public sector, Defra and OGC have developed a proportionate quality-based contract award criterion, for use by contracting authorities when evaluating tenders for the supply of pig meat products. Defra and OGC believe that, where the elements of the contract award criterion are met contracting authorities may award tenderers extra points up to a maximum of 15% of the overall tender score, in recognition of the additional quality being offered.

The guidance explains how to incorporate a proportionate, quality based award criterion for evaluating tenders for the supply of pig meat products and is available at:
<http://defraweb/foodfarm/policy/publicsectorfood/documents/pigmeat-quality010127.pdf>

The Programme's Delivery Enablement Workstream, led by OGC, is developing standardised food procurement processes and products, document templates and sharing good procurement practices, in consultation with stakeholders from across the public sector.

The first tools and processes will be available towards the end of the year and we will bring you a full feature in our next issue.

Supplier engagement workshop

The supplier engagement programme was officially launched on 1st February, with agreement that the category team would engage with each supplier to develop supplier engagement plans. Through these engagement plans, the programme will work with major suppliers at board level to identify opportunities to work together better at a strategic level and identify potential opportunities for savings in the current landscape.

Next update Summer 2010...



The Pan Government Collaborative Procurement programme is an initiative led by key organisations and policy groups across the public sector, and enabled by the OGC. The Programme is designed to improve the value for money the Government is able to achieve from its collective spend through a joined up approach to the procurement of common goods and services and forms a core strand of the Government's Operational Efficiency Programme.

About the Programme

As part of the HM Treasury Operational Efficiency Programme, all Public Sector food buying organisations are working together to deliver the pan government Collaborative Food Procurement Programme.

The Programme is supported by the OGC Service Desk

You can contact the central OGC Service Desk about all aspects of the programme.

The Service Desk will also channel queries to the appropriate second-line support. We look forward to hearing from you.

You can contact the Service Desk 8am – 6pm Monday to Friday:

T: 0845 000 4999

E: foodprocurement@ogc.gsi.gov.uk

Press enquiries

T: 020 7271 1318

F: 020 7271 1345

© Crown copyright 2010