



THE CBC MFD FRAMEWORK Y11171

HISTORY

The Central Buying Consortium (CBC) was formed in 1991 as a non-profit making federation of 18 local authorities. Headed up by Kent County Supplies, the CBC is the largest local authority purchasing group in the United Kingdom.

With total spend on the framework totalling £225 million, the CBC framework gives public sector organisations, including the NHS assurance that approved suppliers follow strict procurement guidelines and provide favourable pricing for public sector organisations.

Broken up into six lots the framework boasts five of the top brands in the market. Through Annodata, public bodies are able to access print solutions from leading manufacturers Canon and Kyocera. Other suppliers include Konica Minolta, Ricoh and Sharp who also offer Multi Functional Devices (MFD's), Remanufactured devices, Digital Duplicators, Print Room Equipment and a provision for a fully Managed Print Services.

Over the life of the framework there has been a shift to colour devices with about 66% of devices ordered via the framework being colour. The vast majority of devices now are now networked (79%) and there is also an emphasis on achieving savings via the Managed Print provision.

Key Achievements

- The current framework was let on a national basis and CBC coverage has grown 100%
- Savings of approximately 33% were estimated upon award.

Framework Access

The framework contract was let on a national basis and access is available to all public sector bodies, through the Lead Authority (KCS on behalf of KCC). We publish a user guide which gives full details for the Lots and the Suppliers as well as information on how to procure from the framework.

CBC Framework Benefits

- OJEU compliant
- Upgrade/downgrade clause for changing requirements
- SLA for service response average of four hours (suppliers currently achieving two - three hours)
- Delivery and collection within 15 days of notification
- No minimum billing
- 3, 4 or 5 year rental/operating lease
- Terms and conditions designed to protect the end user

- Free staples and toner
- A4 & A3 copies charged at the same price
- Provision for the HDD to be removed and disposed of FOC
- No increases during the life of the individual device agreement
- Service swap out clause for devices not meeting SLA agreement

CBC a Commercial Procurement Alliance 

Original OJEU contract ref:
2012/S 127-210515

OJEU Award Notice ref:
CA-2012-11-02 (Lots 1-4 only)
119113-2013-EN (Lots 5-6 only)

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