

Opportunity to apply the Electronics Watch Contract Conditions in procurement of Apple products

The UK Higher Education and National Apple Equipment and Services Framework Agreement

On April 1, 2016 the latest UK Higher Education Framework Agreement for Apple products went live. The Electronics Watch Contract Conditions are appended to the Agreement.

Lead contracting authority	Cardiff University
Awarded suppliers	Stone Computers, Academia, XMA and Insight
Subject of agreement	Computer equipment and mobile devices using an Apple Operating System, including software, peripherals and accessories on which the Apple OSX and iOS operating systems (and future upgrades and derivatives) must run, and value added services.
Who can use it	All participating organisations must be a member of one of the UK Higher Education Regional Purchasing Consortia.
Duration of agreement	Up to four years (two years initially)
Estimated value	400m-500m GBP over four years

An authority that is an affiliate member of Electronics Watch can include the Electronics Watch Contract Conditions within their call off contract terms under this Framework Agreement. The Contract Conditions are a comprehensive strategy to ensure social responsibility in the supply chain of the ICT hardware goods being purchased. The bidder is responsible for exercising due diligence to achieve respect for the Electronics Watch Code of Labour Standards; Electronics Watch verifies compliance; and the contracting authority enforces the terms. Specific bidder responsibilities include:

- **Disclosing** the names and locations of the factories producing the goods to be supplied under the contract;
- **Developing a Contractor Compliance Plan** to mitigate the risk of breach of Code, and, when a breach is discovered, the steps it will take to remedy the breach and compensate affected workers;
- **Engaging** suppliers, to prevent them from contributing to or causing breaches of the Code in the production of the goods, and to cause them to cooperate and engage with Electronics Watch in remedying and preventing breaches.

Where Electronics Watch identifies unsatisfactory performance of the terms, Electronics Watch can engage with contractors, on behalf of affiliates, to achieve compliance.

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