

Australian National Higher Education Procurement Benchmarking Procurement

Status Update: 1 April 07

Phase One of the Project is now well underway with a total of 27 university participants across three commodities sub-projects.

24 universities are participating in the Office Supplies sub-project, 17 in the Laboratory Supplies sub-project and 14 in Temporary Staff sub-project.

The data required from universities has started to arrive at Purchasing Index but, whilst some universities seem to have had little difficulty in providing the data others have experienced some challenges.

Universities should be aware that, based on the advice from some university participants, the deadlines for providing data have been extended. The new dates are:

Office Supplies

- Supplier deadline not later than 3rd April 2007
- Data delivery deadline to PI 5th April 2007
- Market Intelligence Reports and Aggregated Reports to universities 29th June 2007

Temporary Staff

- Suppliers deadline not later than: 11th April 2007
- Data delivery deadline to PI 13th April 2007
- Market Intelligence Reports and Aggregated Reports to universities 29th June 2007

Laboratory Supplies

- Supplier deadline not later than: 25th April 2007
- Data delivery deadline to PI 27th April 2007
- Market Intelligence Reports and Aggregated Reports to universities 13th July 2007

The commencement of the initial three sub-projects has provided some significant lessons that will be useful for all participants in future sub-projects:

- Universities should be aware that some suppliers will be receiving the same requests from many universities at the same time and so approaching the suppliers as early as possible is a good idea
- Universities should ensure the data that is being provided looks reasonable and complete - the scope of each sub-project has been determined through a collaborative process by the universities through the Advisory Groups and without adherence to this, the ability to compare data sets is greatly reduced and the value of the outcomes compromised

Thank you to all participants for the level of effort and energy that has been brought to the Programme.

HES looks forward delivering the first aggregated reports mid-year with great anticipation.