

# **Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium**

## **Mission and Vision Statements**

### **Mission Statement**

SUPC will deliver value to its members through better procurement

### **Vision**

By 2017/18 SUPC will have consolidated its position as the primary higher education procurement partner for its members. It will achieve this through providing high quality collaborative agreements that deliver excellent value and also through providing professional procurement support, advice and guidance for its higher education members. In addition SUPC will take a significant role in driving the national higher education procurement agenda.

### **Operating Principles**

Its members will be at the heart of how it operates. It will highly value its staff and provide a supportive and rewarding workplace environment. Suppliers will find it easy to work with SUPC and will want to become one of our suppliers. SUPC will be regarded as an important and respected voice in higher education procurement. High quality data, stakeholder (in particular member engagement) and sustainability will underpin our activities.

To achieve our vision we will ensure that we have good quality and timely data on which to take decisions and measure performance. We will concentrate our resources in areas that are going to give the maximum benefit to our members and this will be achieved, where possible, through collaboration with our consortia partners both within and beyond the HE sector. Our staff will endeavour to become category experts to provide our members with the best value agreements and also to support members develop and implement their own procurement strategies for using our Agreements.

SUPC will fully engage with Heads of Procurement, Finance Directors, and senior managers, such as Estates and ICT Directors, that are responsible for major areas of spend in its HE member institutions. Within these institutions it will also fully engage with representatives from their senior management teams, procurement teams and other staff who purchase goods and services. Each stakeholder will have an engagement strategy and plan that will take full use of new technologies and social media to supplement 'face to face' meetings.

The SUPC Procurement Shared Service (PSS) will support PEL in measuring and monitoring English HE sector procurement capability and capacity (through the Procurement Maturity Assessment programme that will be extended to specifically cover Estates Procurement) and will also seek to develop its offering to measure procurement efficiency and effectiveness. SUPC PSS will also provide additional procurement services to supplement institutional resources.

