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**Bereavement Related Goods Framework**

STAR Procurement is a Public Partnership (Joint Committee) created by Stockport, Trafford and Rochdale Councils and is the shared procurement service supporting each of these Councils in the procurement of its Supplies, Services and Works Contracts and Concessions

STAR Procurement are looking to establish a framework of suppliers who can provide a range of bereavement/cemetery related products across the following specified LOTs:

* New Cremation Memorials for Scattered Remains
* New Cremation Memorials for the Internment of Cremated Remains (Above Ground)
* New Statues, Benches (Non Tablet) & Planters for Memorial Gardens
* Replacement Tablets / Renovation of Tablets / Additional Tablet Inscriptions for Existing Memorials
* Sundry Items (including Standard Issue Caskets & Urns)
* Memorial Keepsakes
* Book of Remembrance

The framework will have the option for both direct call-offs and to run mini-competitions between successful suppliers under specific LOTs for orders of a higher value.

This opportunity will be advertised via our online tendering portal The Chest ([www.the-chest-org.uk](http://www.the-chest-org.uk))

Those suppliers interested in applying for the framework are invited to access the STAR Procurement website at [www.star-procurement.gov.uk](http://www.star-procurement.gov.uk) for tips on tendering and other additional information

Please find an indicative timeline for the procurement process:

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| **Activity** | **Date** |
| Expression Of Interest (EOI) | 28/09/2016 - |
| OJEU Contract Notice Issued | 04/10/2016 |
| Issue of ITT | 01/11/2016 |
| Return of Tenders | 02/12/2016 |
| Evaluation Period | 05/12/2016 – 03/02/2017 |
| Selection of Successful Tenderer(s) | 06/02/2017 |
| Alcatel Period | 06/02/2017 – 20/02/2017 |
| Contract Award | 23/02/2017 |
| Contract Commencement | 01/03/2017 |

To give us an idea of the number of suppliers who would be interested in this framework opportunity please could you complete the additional ‘Bereavement Related Goods Framework

(LOT Indication)’ attachment outlining the LOTs you would be interested in applying for and return to [jamie.cooper@star-procurement.gov.uk](mailto:jamie.cooper@star-procurement.gov.uk) or via The Chest messaging function by Friday 30th September 2016

If you have any specific questions in relation to the framework please also direct these via the messaging function on The Chest.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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