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Dear Colleagues,

When using the framework contracts for joint procurement

1. If one contractor can only partially satisfy your request (in terms of volume and/or speed of delivery), you can decide to place an order with that contractor for the available supplies and approach the next contractor in the cascade for the remainder of the totality you requested. Or, instead of signing the order with the first contractor, you can approach the next contractor in the cascade for the totality.
2. The Commission will now make available in Circa all the framework contracts already signed with companies, irrespective of their place in the ranking of the cascade.

You may decide on your own responsibility to contact companies lower in the ranking in case the previous ones have not signed the contract yet. This may be important because some companies are signing the framework contracts faster than others (for instance, this may unblock access to additional suppliers for FFP2 and FFP3 masks).

Please note that this is not in line with the normal functioning of the framework contract in cascade, which normally should only be implemented once all contractors in the cascade have signed the framework contract. The Commission cannot assume liability if you decide to derogate from this rule.

Best regards,
HSC secretariat