

**Message from Dexter King - Director, Strategic Procurement Services
 Laboratory Supplies and Equipment VORs
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Laboratory Supplies and Equipment Vendors

This bulletin is to advise the community of a change to the current laboratory supplies and equipment list and to ensure everyone affected takes the actions required in support of the new Laboratory Supplies and Equipment Vendor of Record (“**VOR**”) program.

Rationale

To streamline administrative processes associated with procurement of laboratory supplies and equipment, Public Sector institutions are being encouraged to participate in collaborative agreements to consolidate spending and benefit from economies of scale. In support of these priorities, York participated in the Request for Proposal (“**RFP**”) for Laboratory Supplies and Equipment posted by McMaster University along with other colleges and universities.

Laboratory Supplies and Equipment VORs:

The following vendors are Lab Supplies and Equipment Vendors of Record “**VOR**”s engaged by Strategic Procurement Services for use by the community. The VOR list includes vendors available on Sm@rtBuy and vendors who can accept orders using the Pcard or Purchase Order process (* indicates Sm@rtBuy vendor).

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Agilent Technologies ▪ Bio-Rad * ▪ BioShop ▪ Bio-Techne ▪ Canadawide Scientific ▪ Cederlane * ▪ Eppendorf Canada * ▪ ESBE Scientific * ▪ Fisher Scientific * ▪ FroggaBio * ▪ Leica Microsystems Canada ▪ Life Technologies * 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mandel * ▪ Maple Lab Systems * ▪ New England BioLabs * ▪ New Horizons Scientific Supply (Westlab)* ▪ NuAire Inc. (BCA Scientific) ▪ Opti-Tech Scientific ▪ Produits Chimiques ACP Chemicals ▪ Qiagen * ▪ Millipore Sigma * ▪ Ultident Scientific * ▪ VWR International *
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Community members are strongly encouraged to procure goods and services from university approved VORs. Benefits of working with VORs include:

- VORs deliver the best overall value to York based on price, delivery capabilities, past performance, sustainability, and financial stability.
- Savings achieved due to leveraged volume and consolidated purchasing power. Consolidation of usage increases institutional volume, providing incentive for VORs to offer the best pricing.
- All savings will be realized by the ordering departments.
- It's easier, quicker, and more convenient to order from VORs, in particular those with catalogs enabled in Sm@rtBuy.
- Reduced administration and transaction processing costs.

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