

THE PROCUREMENT ACT 2023 – ARE YOU READY?



Procure Plus will soon be inviting tenders for the following two procurements –

- Framework for the Installation of Low and Zero Carbon Technologies
- Framework for the Supply of Low and Zero Carbon Technologies

These two frameworks will be procured under the Procurement Act 2023 (the Act) which came into force on the 24th February 2025.

REGISTER ON THE CENTRAL DIGITAL PLATFORM (CDP)

Companies who decide to tender for the two frameworks will be required to be registered on the CDP. The CDP is an enhanced version of the current Find a Tender service. It is an online portal which has been designed to make it easier for suppliers to find and bid for contracts, and for buyers to meet their transparency commitments under the Act. The CDP is where the public sector will publish all of its notices about regulated public procurement, including detail about what the public sector plans to buy, when and how to bid, who the winning bidder is and details of the management of contracts.

As well as publishing all of the notices, the CDP will hold up to date supplier information in a central database. Any supplier wishing to participate in a public procurement will be required to create an account on the CDP for their organisation and input the requested information which will include: your organisation's Companies House number (if you have one), postal address, website, email, the last two years of accounts (if you have them) details of any people or businesses connected to your business, or with significant control over it (if there are any) and details of any convictions held or offences committed by the organisation or any people connected to the business (grounds for mandatory and discretionary exclusion).

This is the only way this particular set of information can be supplied in a procurement. It is mandatory for suppliers to have completed the required information and to keep it updated.

The information you input onto the CDP will then be used by any contracting authority (in this case Procure Plus) for any public procurement which your organisation tenders for. It reduces the repetitiveness of suppliers needing to enter the same information many times for multiple procurements. **Procure Plus will require bidders for these frameworks to provide a file upload of this information within the tender questionnaire.**

Since the 24th February, your organisation has been able to register on the CDP. **You should register your organisation as soon as possible to ensure that you have time to upload the relevant information ahead of these frameworks going out to tender. All companies must be registered on the CDP to have their tenders evaluated. The link to register your organisation as a supplier is – Create your GOV.UK One Login or sign in – GOV.UK One Login.** If your organisation has already registered on the CDP you will be given the option to request to join your company. Once this request has been approved by your administrator you will be able to access and download your supplier information.

Please use the following link for a detailed walkthrough of how to complete and update supplier information – https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/678f671fe94a1e07c3ef8489/2025-01-20_Suppliers_user_guide_Completing_Supplier_Information_FINAL.pdf

