



National Collaborative Procurement Division - quarterly bulletin

Welcome to NCPD's quarterly bulletin - December 2024

We are delighted to report that we have helped public sector customers to realise £130 million in commercial benefits during 23/24.

Our award winning teams continue to be committed to providing you with real value and I am delighted to report that our Utilities Team won the 'Best Procurement Delivery Award' at the recent Go Awards for work to procure a Water & Waste Water framework. The team's knowledge and expertise were utilised to deliver financial savings and substantial community benefits.

This award is a prime example of how our collective buying power and expertise can deliver real results for the people of Scotland. We are ambitious to support you to realise even greater value for the public sector in Scotland and have developed a plan for the enhancement of the services we provide. Through its implementation we will reinforce our collaborative approach to ensure your requirements for value-driven, quality commodities and services remain at the core.

Further information on the frameworks and services we provide, their benefits and customer priorities for enhancing our services can be found in this bulletin.

Calum Elliot
Deputy Director, National Collaborative Procurement Division

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How to access SG national collaborative frameworks and services

Customers have told us that they would like clearer information about our frameworks and services and who to contact. As a first step in clarifying this landscape, the full [framework contact list](#) is available on our website.

SG National Collaborative Frameworks update

Civil Engineering Framework (Scotland) - Live

This multi-lot, multi-supplier framework went live in March 2024, for a period of 4 years. Specifically for civils projects between £5 million to £100 million, it has a total of 8 suppliers across its 3 national lots.

For more information, including Buyer's Guide and supporting guidance: [Civil Engineering Framework \(25 March 2024 to 24 March 2028\)](#).

Contact norman.matheson@gov.scot or CCT_SPPD@gov.uk

Recruitment Ads & PINS - Award

A new single supplier framework for Recruitment Advertising and PINS has been awarded and commenced on 11 July 2024 for a period of 4 years.

For further information, please visit: [Recruitment Advertising and Public Notices framework 2024 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#).

Vehicle Hire Services - Award

A new Category B contract for Vehicle Hire Services has been awarded and commenced on 1 September 2024 for a 4 year period. Scottish Public Bodies named on the contract are able to obtain a variety of short and long term vehicle hire services under the contract. The new contract has options for hiring electric vehicles to reduce carbon emissions. It also includes an option for a Car Club scheme where vehicles are located either near or on a public body's premises which offers flexibility of hiring and the potential for savings. Framework public bodies can contact the supplier's account manager to discuss options to maximise efficiencies and potential savings in relation to their vehicle hire requirements.

For further information, please visit: [Vehicle hire contract 2024 to 2028 - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

General Office Supplies - Price review

The annual cost to serve price review has now been completed and new pricing has been communicated to Framework Public Bodies and a new Lyreco catalogue has been uploaded. The price review has delivered a reduction of 2.24% in the overall value of the new eCatalogue when compared to the equivalent products and volumes purchased within the current catalogue.

For further information, please visit [General Office Supplies framework - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#)

Revised pricing is available from our [Knowledge Hub](#).

Interpreting and Translation - Price review

A price review has recently been conducted in accordance with the Framework Terms and Conditions. Revised pricing is available from our [Knowledge Hub](#).

Collaborative Relet Action currently underway:

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Postal Services Framework	Paul.Brydon@gov.scot
Publishing Print Design and Associated Services	Neil.Mactavish@gov.scot
Media Services	David.Bilton@gov.scot
Interpreting and Translation Services	Paul.Brydon@gov.scot

SG Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) updates

Civil Engineering DPS (Scotland) - Award

The Contract Notice for the Civil Engineering Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS), for civils projects up to £5 million can now be used by public sector buyers to issue calls for competition. The DPS provides a list of pre-qualified suppliers for a variety of requirements, via three filters: type of civils works, location and value band.

Further details:

- [View Notice - Public Contracts Scotland](#)
- [Public Procurement and Property Civil Engineering Dynamic Purchasing System \(DPS\) for projects up to £5 million - Public Procurement and Property](#)
- supporting documents for buyers, including the Buyer's Guide, is available on [Knowledge Hub](#)

If you require further information, please contact the Collaborative Construction Team (CCT): CCT_SPPD@gov.scot.



Internet of Things - extension

Scottish Procurement has extended the duration of the [Internet of Things \(IoT\) – Dynamic Purchasing System \(DPS\)](#) until 18 September 2025.

Further information is available in our [blog](#).

Communication Services - extension

Scottish Procurement has extended the duration of the [Telephony and Communication Services - Dynamic Purchasing System \(DPS\)](#) until 27 March 2026.

Policy Notices

Construction

In CPN 2/2024, we actively encourage all purchasing organisations to submit their construction pipeline to the Scottish Futures Trust (SFT), as requested.

We would also wish to draw your attention to three recent Construction Policy Notes (CPN) on Retentions, Construction Pipeline Forecast Tool and the Graduated Pricing Mechanism (GPM), respectively:

- [Retention in construction contracts: CPN 1/2024](#)
- [Construction pipeline forecast tool: CPN 2/2024](#)
- [Graduated pricing mechanism guidance: CPN 3/2024](#)

All [Scottish Procurement Policy Notes](#) can be found on our website.

National Collaborative Procurement Service Enhancement

Over the past few months, customers have worked with us to identify the improvements they would like to see in our services. They tell us that navigating the wealth of SG procurement information, identifying what is relevant to them and finding the right people to deal with enquiries can present a significant challenge. Streamlined access to information and ease of use of our frameworks and services is top of the priority list for improvement. Another key theme is improving two-way communications and engagement with customers in all areas of our work.

Service Enhancement Priorities

1. Strengthened collaborative procurement landscape
2. Improved communications & collaborative working
3. Enhanced framework design
4. Customer-focused services & enhanced customer management
5. Improved access to & better use of information
6. A flexible operating structure and culture of continuous improvement

In early 2025, we will publish our Service Enhancement Plan and the vision for the future shape of national collaborative procurement and associated services. In the meantime, work is already underway in some areas where we can bring about improvements quickly.

For more information contact Bridget Lambert, Head of Collaborative Procurement: bridget.lambert@gov.scot or Corinne Telford, Service Enhancement Programme Manager: corinne.telford@gov.scot

Other news

Scotland Innovates

We have now received more than 180 submissions for innovative goods and services from businesses through the National Supplier led innovation service. Over 90% of submissions have come from SMEs, 80% are 'market ready' and over 600 registrations have been made.

In recent months the service has aligned with the Accelerated National Innovation Adoption (ANIA) Pathway with several submissions been taken forward to the NHS. The Accelerated National Innovation Adoption (ANIA) Pathway is a [Chief Scientist Office](#) funded programme focused on using technology to fast-track proven innovations into the healthcare frontline on a 'Once for Scotland' basis.

If you have suppliers or innovators who may have innovative goods and services that would be applicable to the Scottish Public Sector please ask the business to submit a proposal by registering and submitting on [Scotland Innovates](#).

Go Awards Success

Our Utilities team won the 'Best Procurement Delivery Award' at the Go Awards for its work to procure a Water & Waste Water framework, the team's knowledge and expertise were utilised to deliver financial savings and substantial community benefits. The entry itself focused on the value the framework has delivered for the whole public sector, saving money and helping to save water through a range of water efficiency. In summary the framework delivered:

- cost avoidance savings of £23.4 million per annum
- water efficiencies savings of £2 million per annum through initiatives such as leak detection and meter re-sizing
- supported a host of community benefits including the provision of a 'Water Efficiency Fund', which funded 15 public sector water efficiency projects resulting in financial savings and environmental benefits

Find out what our winners had to say in our [blog](#).