



# National Collaborative Procurement Division – quarterly bulletin

## Welcome to NCPD’s quarterly bulletin - January 2026

The new year of 2026 is shaping up to be a time of continuing change for the National Collaborative Procurement Division (NCPD).

Sadly, we’re losing a valued member of the team in our Head of Collaborative Procurement, Bridget Lambert who is moving on to lead procurement at Edinburgh City Council. I wish Bridget all the best in this exciting new role.

On a positive note, and in line with our [Service Enhancement Plan](#), we are looking forward to meeting our ambition over the next two years to improve the service we offer our customers. This new year will see us take on this challenge to improve the customer account management approach to help customers achieve even more savings and efficiencies through better use of the national collaborative framework agreements set up by NCPD.

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Our full [framework contact list](#) is available on our website.



## **SG national collaborative frameworks update**

### **General Office Supplies**

A revised e-catalogue was provided to customers on 17 December 2025, and the updated catalogue went live on 1 January 2026. The revised e-catalogue is Lyreco's routine annual corporate catalogue refresh in relation to products and is not due to any changes in the pricing.

### **Marketing Services - Re-let**

The Marketing Services framework tender deadline for Lots 1-7 closed on 7 November 2025. Evaluation is underway on tender submissions received for Lots 3-7, however technical issues affected the opening of bids on Lot 1 and Lot 2 (Creative Services over and under £75k).

Following investigation with the PCS-T platform provider a decision was taken to reissue Lots 1 and 2. A new Contract Notice was published on Public Contracts Scotland and tender documents were uploaded to PCS-T on 5 January 2026, with a tender deadline for response by 12pm on 6 February 2026. Both tenders are expected to be awarded concurrently, and the need to retender Lots 1 and 2 should not affect the previously indicated timescales.

### **Print and Associated Services**

The current multi-lot, multi supplier Print and Associated Services framework expires on 30 April 2027. Work will commence in the next couple of months for a framework relet process and market and stakeholder engagement undertaken. Anyone interested in participating in the User Intelligent Group should contact the framework manager - [Neil Mactavish](#).

### **Temporary and Interim Staff - Relet**

The current suite of four Temporary and Interim Staff Frameworks expire on 12 April 2027. Work on the relet of these frameworks has commenced but is still at an early stage. Those interested in participating in the UIG should contact the framework manager, [Claudio Swinton](#).

### **Postal Services**

The Postal Services Framework expired on 30 June 2025 and following completion of the competitive procurement process, the Scottish Government was unable to award a new Framework Agreement.

Since then, many Framework Public Bodies (FPBs) and other public sector organisations have put alternative arrangements in place. These include extending existing contracts, establishing organisation specific agreements, or making use of the Crown Commercial Service (CCS) Postal Services & Solutions Framework Agreement.

After reviewing the overall position, the **National Collaborative Procurement Division (NCPD)** **has decided not to retender or establish a new Scottish Governmentled collaborative Postal Services Framework**. Instead, organisations can use the multilot, multisupplier CCS Postal Services & Solutions Framework, available to all UK public sector bodies. Further information is available on the CCS website - [Postal Services & Solutions - CCS](#).

FPBs are therefore advised to **review their current and future postal service requirements** and ensure that appropriate contractual arrangements are in place in accordance with public procurement legislation and their own organisational procurement policies and procedures.

## **Interpreting, Translation and Transcription Services Framework – Relet**

We are pleased to provide a further update on the Interpreting, Translation and Transcription Services Framework. The procurement is currently progressing through the tender evaluation stage. Given the high volume of submissions across multiple Lots, we are working closely with evaluators to complete this stage as efficiently as possible.

Once awarded, we will notify all UIG Members of the agreements new start date.

As noted in our November update, the current Framework has been extended by three months and will now expire on 11 February 2026. Framework Public Bodies should review and, if necessary, extend their individual call-off contracts to ensure service continuity. To allow sufficient time for transition to the new Framework, we suggest extending call-offs until the **end of May 2026**.

## **Construction Civil Engineering Framework**

We are entering an exciting new phase of the Framework and hope to kick off the new year with some projects. Working closely with public bodies and project teams, our goal is to provide an effective route to market for key civil engineering projects on the horizon in Scotland.

The Framework is for the provision of civil engineering projects for contracts ranging from £5 million to £100 million and covers a full range of civil engineering works and associated services, from general to structural. Most projects will be for roads and bridges and the terms and conditions for both the Framework and Call-off Contracts will be NEC4 with additional clauses already agreed via SG Steering Group with Industry and the Public Sector.

The Civil Engineering Framework is multi-lotted, with a total of eight successful suppliers over three lots:

- Lot 1 - General Civil Engineering for projects over £5m up to £25m
- Lot 2 - Structural Civil Engineering for projects over £5m up to £25m
- Lot 3 - All Civil Engineering for projects over £25m up to £100m

The Collaborative Construction Team (CCT) has started implementing their new stakeholder engagement plan to spread awareness of the Civil Engineering DPS within the Scottish public sector.

Five tenders have been issued successfully under the Civil Engineering DPS since it’s go-live date at the end of 2024. These have allowed several public bodies (North Lanarkshire Council, East Lothian Council, Transport Scotland) to establish contracts that cover various types of works (including geotechnical services and roads) and geographical areas.

If you require further information, please contact the Collaborative Construction Team (CCT) or visit our [blog](#).



## Desktop Client Device Framework

The core desktop and workstation devices on the [Desktop Client Devices Framework](#) will transition from G9 to G1i on Monday 2 February. The Buyers Guide will be updated to reflect these changes. HP will work with Framework Public Bodies to ensure a smooth transition to the new technology and provide evaluation units where required.

Device	Current	New	Change
Desktop	EliteDesk 800 SFF G9	EliteDesk SFF 8G1i	Transition to Intel® Core™ Ultra 5 (Series 2)
Workstation	Z2 Tower G9	Z2 Tower G1i	Transition to Intel® Core™ Ultra 7 (Series 2)

# All ICT Products Frameworks - Supply Chain Constraints



Recent industry reports highlight growing shortages in DRAM and NAND driven by surging AI demand. These constraints are expected to continue throughout 2026 and will likely affect lead times, prices, duration of quote validity and product availability across the ICT hardware marketplace.

Scottish Procurement encourages FPBs to review their hardware requirements for this year and engage their Framework Account Managers early to:

- forecast and forward plan their demand where possible
- identify alternative configuration options for optimal availability
- provide lead time guidance
- discuss storage and financing options for qualifying opportunities

Technology Peripherals and Infrastructure Framework Suppliers have indicated that prices provided in quotes may have a shorter validity period than the usual 30 days.

Scottish Procurement will continue to monitor the situation and seek regular updates from Framework suppliers to ensure proactive steps are taken to safeguard against supply disruptions.

Framework Public Bodies are also reminded that all our Client Device Frameworks benefit from a six month bonded storage option, free of charge for core devices, which allows for warranty and invoicing deferral.

## SG Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) update

### Requirements Reserved for Supported Businesses DPS (Scotland)

The Requirements Reserved for Supported Businesses Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) has increased the number of supported businesses to 24 suppliers, all are SMEs. Suppliers can apply to join the DPS at any time using the information included within the [Contract Notice](#).

Additional details on the DPS are available on our [website](#).

Please contact Scottish Procurement - [Scott McCrindle](#) or [Izabela Wright](#), if your organisation has a new or ongoing requirement for the many goods and services that supported businesses can provide, or if you wish to restrict participation in a tender exercise to a supported business using the legislation which makes this possible referred to as "Reserved Contracts".



# Policy Notices

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

## Scotland Innovates update

The National Supplier led innovation service, led by NHS National Services Scotland (NSS) and Scottish Procurement and Property Directorate (SPPD) has received around 250 submissions. These span a wide range of areas - from circular economy lighting solutions and atrial fibrillation detection (a major cause of stroke), to preventing newborn deafness and tackling lung cancer – AI and new endoscopy treatments for bariatric surgery have all come through the service since it launched three years ago.



Gary Robinson, SPPD – Innovation: “As we commence the New Year 2026, there have never been so many exciting opportunities to improve and transform our NHS through the systemic adoption of innovative national approaches across many specialist areas from early diagnosis to new treatments. Widespread adoption of innovative goods and services will play a key role in Public Sector Reform, transforming our public services both today and in the years ahead.”

Scotland Innovates receives submissions from businesses offering innovative goods and services which may be beneficial to the Public Sector. To date, 47 submissions have secured successful routes to markets or had landing zones identified. Successful’ can be defined as a trial, pilot, research and development, purchase, or signposted for possible addition to a new or existing Procurement Framework/Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS). From all submissions over 80% are market ready and over 90% were from SMEs. The service continues to receive strong support from business. For more information, please contact: [Gary Robinson](#), [Steven Patterson](#) or [David Beattie](#). If you know of a business that has an innovative product or service, please ask them to register on Scotland Innovates.