National Collaborative Procurement Division - quarterly bulletin

Welcome to NCPD's quarterly bulletin - November 2026

Since my last update, the civil engineering framework continues to support the delivery of significant infrastructure projects across Scotland, with some schemes now progressing through procurement stage. Notably, a major roads project in South Lanarkshire is advancing through the framework, demonstrating the value of the agreement in providing a robust and efficient route to market for complex civil engineering works. It also good to note the Civil Engineering Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is recording a strong pipeline of emerging future opportunities with projects anticipated from Transport Scotland, Midlothian Council and Borders College. This demonstrates continued confidence in the DPS as an effective procurement route for civil engineering works.

As ever our activity continues to mitigate the impact of inflationary pressures on our customers – notable examples being the spike in energy prices due to the Middle East conflict; and increased ICT products prices due to memory capacity shortages largely fuelled by the rise of AI.

I mentioned in previous updates on our progress on our service enhancement work and our direct Public Sector Reform (PSR) commitments, to deliver improved commercial outcomes. The new year 2027 will be a year of even greater collaboration where all public bodies' will work together to meet our shared Public Sector Reform (PSR) commitments. More details of our work in this area will follow in our quarterly bulletin throughout 2027.

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How to access SG national collaborative frameworks and services

Our full framework contact list is available on our website. All Scottish Procurement Policy Notes can also be found on our website.

Energy and Utilities procurement update

Gas Framework



Inverclyde Council's 'Cook, Learn & Eat' scheme has received £10,000 from the Total Gas and Power Limited 2026 Community Benefit Fund. The scheme is a community-based food skills programme designed to improve cooking confidence, nutrition knowledge and budgeting skills among residents experiencing financial hardship, social isolation, or poor health outcomes.

National Agreement: Liquid Fuels

Customers have been contacted and asked to provide their fuel site data, together with a draft Order Form, to ensure their requirements are included in the forthcoming re-let competition. Thank you to those customers who have already responded to the Scottish Procurement Utilities Team.

If you have not provided your information, please do so as soon as possible or contact Procurement_Utilities@gov.scot for assistance.

The Civil Engineering Framework - construction



The civil engineering framework continues to support the delivery of significant infrastructure projects across Scotland, with some schemes now progressing through procurement stage. Notably, a major roads project in South Lanarkshire is advancing through the framework, demonstrating the value of the agreement in providing a robust and efficient route to market for complex civil engineering works.

We have also seen increasing interest from a range of public sector organisations exploring the framework for forthcoming infrastructure investment. Enquiries and engagement activity have covered a variety of project types, including roads construction and improvement works, bridge redecking and repainting programmes, and river and flood management initiatives such as weir refurbishment projects. This growing interest highlights the flexibility of the framework and its ability to support diverse civil engineering requirements across Scotland.

The framework remains available until 24 March 2030, providing long-term certainty for both contracting authorities and suppliers while supporting the delivery of essential infrastructure investment.

The framework covers projects valued between £5 million and £100 million and provides access to a comprehensive range of civil engineering works and associated services. NEC4 forms of contract and supplementary clauses have been developed collaboratively by the Scottish Government, industry representatives and public sector stakeholders.



The Civil Engineering framework is structured across three lots and includes eight appointed suppliers:

- Lot 1: General Civil Engineering projects from £5 million to £25 million
- Lot 2: Structural Civil Engineering projects from £5 million to £25 million
- Lot 3: All Civil Engineering projects from £25 million to £100 million

The Civil Engineering Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) continues to establish itself as a key procurement route for projects valued at up to £5 million. There are currently 30 appointed suppliers, with SMEs accounting for 20 of these, representing 67% of all suppliers on the DPS.

Adoption of the DPS is also increasing, with six completed procurements and contract awards already delivered by public bodies such as, North Lanarkshire Council, East Lothian Council and Transport Scotland. Current opportunities include two Transport Scotland projects valued at £2.7 million and £1.3 million, alongside a £1.8 million civil engineering tender for Scottish Borders Council.

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A strong pipeline of future opportunities is also emerging, with projects anticipated from Transport Scotland, Midlothian Council and Borders College. This demonstrates continued confidence in the DPS as an effective procurement route for civil engineering works.

The Collaborative Construction Team (CCT) will continue to work closely with public sector organisations and industry partners to promote the benefits of both the civil engineering framework and the DPS. Through ongoing engagement and support, the CCT aims to help organisations achieve high-quality procurement outcomes, encourage collaboration across the sector, and maximise opportunities for SMEs to participate in Scotland's infrastructure investment programme.

eProcurement and Management Information

Collaborative frameworks for the provision of Temporary & Interim Staff Services – Procurement Relet

The existing frameworks for the provision of temporary and interim staff services are due to expire in April 2027. The procurement process for the relet is now well underway. Tenders are due for return in early December 2026, with tender evaluations commencing January 2027.

Despite a number of requests, we still need more technical evaluators to complete the evaluation stage. Please contact Claudio Swinton at claudio.swinton@gov.scot as soon as possible if you can assist. Without sufficient evaluators, we may be unable to complete the procurement and award a new framework.

Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) and PCS-Tender (PCS-T)

PCS



The contract for the Scottish National Advertising System Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) has been extended. The new contract commenced on 17 February 2026 and will now expire on 28 September 2028.

PCS is the national advertising website used by Scottish public bodies to publish higher-value regulated procurement notices, lower-value notices and contract awards. Relevant notices are also published to the UK e-notification service, Find a Tender (FTS).

Proactis Tenders Ltd will continue to provide the portal on behalf of the Scottish Government, and the contract will be managed by the Scottish Procurement and Property Directorate (SPPD).
In the period 1 July to 31 October 2026, for PCS there were:

- 1,380 above threshold notices published - these included 588 Contract Award Notices and 442 Calls for Competition
- 3,111 Quick Quotes issued
- 2,250 Quick Quotes awarded
- 348 Buyer Users Registered

PCS-Tender (PCS-T)

The latest system update, JA26.3, was released on 16 November 2026. The majority of changes within this release do not impact users of the system, but you will notice changes to the User Interface. Icons have been refreshed for a more modern and consistent look, message notifications are now displayed with colour-coded backgrounds and a new Accessibility Mode toggle has been added to the User Profile dropdown for quick access.

In addition, Jaggaer have taken user feedback on board, and JA26.3 introduces a Threaded Message View which allows users to display full conversation histories.

All Key Changes documents can be found within the File Sharing area of PCS-T. The documents can be found by following this path: File Sharing > Directories > PCS-Tender Help Files > Key Changes > Documents folder.

All Key Changes documents are also published on PCS-T Knowledge Hub, which is available to buyers.
In the period 1 July to 31 October 2026, for PCS-T there were:

- 682 Projects started within PCS-Tender
- 1,010 ITTs created within PCS-Tender
- 972 ITTs issued from PCS-Tender

If you would like more information on PCS or PCS-Tender, please contact pcs-tender@gov.scot.

Source to Contract (S2C) Programme update

The Scottish Government is progressing work on the Source to Contract (S2C) programme. The new solution will combine the functionality of both PCS and PCS-Tender, creating a single location for buyers and suppliers to carry out end-to-end procurement activities in one integrated platform.

We are in the final stages of the procurement process and hope to share more information about the successful bidder in the new year. PCS and PCS-Tender will remain in place for the foreseeable future to ensure continuity of service for buyers and suppliers.

A key priority for the programme is ensuring that buyers and suppliers continue to have a reliable, accessible and effective service. The Source to Contract service offering will bring together the technology, support and continuous improvement activities needed to provide a secure, compliant and user-focused experience.

We will give buyers and suppliers advance notice of changes and provide guidance and support to help them prepare.

If you would like to know more or have any questions, please contact S2Cprogramme@gov.scot and a member of the project team will be happy to help.