

PROCUREMENT

Public Procurement can be defined as the “acquisition, whether under formal contract or not, of works, supplies and services by public bodies.” It ranges from the purchase of routine supplies or services to formal tendering and placing contracts for large infrastructural projects. At Offaly County Council we aim to ensure high standards of openness, transparency and compliance with all relevant public procurement Directives, legislation and guidelines in all our procurement.

Offaly County Council is bound by EU Directives, Legislation and Government Policy in its procurement function. Contract Value thresholds determine which particular procedures are followed. Further information and current thresholds can be found on the EU public procurement website: <http://simap.ted.europa.eu/>.

The EU Directives impose legal obligations on public bodies to use objective tendering procedures. Contracts with estimated values above the thresholds set out in the Directives must be advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU). [EU Thresholds](#)

Directive 2014/24/EU applies to the procurement procedures of public sector bodies including local authorities. [EU Directive 2014/24/EU](#)

In accordance with Government policy, all contracts above €25,000 (excluding VAT) for supplies and services and above €50,000 (excluding VAT) for works must be advertised as part of a formal tendering process.

The national public procurement website www.etenders.gov.ie is a central facility for all public sector contracting authorities to advertise procurement opportunities including those above the EU thresholds.

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) is an office within the Department of Public Expenditure & Reform. It has been tasked with centralising public sector procurement arrangements for common supplies and services. For more information, please visit www.ogp.gov.ie

National Public Procurement Policy Framework

Public Procurement is governed by EU and National Rules. The purpose of the NPPP Framework document is to set out the overarching policy framework for public procurement in Ireland. The National Public Procurement Policy Framework states that “Public procurement policy aims to achieve value for public money, whether it is grant funding, rates and local property tax or service charges. Value for money in procurement is the optimum combination of whole-of-life costs and/or price where appropriate and quality or fitness for purpose to meet with the user’s requirement.” [National Public Procurement Framework](#)

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) have also published public procurement guidelines. Please visit www.ogp.gov.ie for more information. [OGP guidelines for goods and services](#)

The OGP also have a Tender advisory service (TAS). TAS is an informal review mechanism that provides a free of charge outlet for suppliers to raise concerns during a live tender process. Please visit <https://ogp.gov.ie/tender-advisory-service/> for more information

Doing Business with Offaly County Council

We utilise many of the national contracts put in place by the Office of Government Procurement (OGP) and other central purchasing bodies. We also issue requests for tenders and quotations as business needs require in line with all relevant public procurement Directives, legislation and guidelines.

The OGP have prepared short videos providing an overview of the public procurement model and feedback from businesses engaging with the Process. These are available [here](#)

Upcoming tender opportunities are advertised on www.eTenders.gov.ie or www.supplygov.ie. OCC may also use these websites to seek quotations. Quotations may also be sought via email or over the phone (if low value).

How to Register on eTenders

To compete for tenders advertised, a supplier must be registered on eTenders to avail of any business opportunity. An email alert is sent every night if any new tenders are published that match selected categories based on Common Procurement Codes (CPV). As a supplier you need to select all the CPV codes that your company is interested in, so that you receive notification of relevant tenders as they are advertised. Further information is available by clicking on the following guidance documentation:

[Etenders supplier register](#)

[Etenders supplier guidance](#)

[Etenders user guides](#)

If you need assistance in registering please contact the eTenders helpdesk at etenders@eu-supply.com or 021 243 92 77

How to Register on Supply Gov

SupplyGov is a procurement online system which is run by the Local Government Operational Procurement Centre (LGOPC) based in Kerry County Council. It facilitates Local Authorities and other state agencies to run mini-tenders (from frameworks and dynamic purchasing systems that have already been advertised on eTenders) and requests for quotations. It primarily deals with categories relating to Plant Hire; Minor Building & Civil Works and related training but also has categories for landscaping,

All new frameworks and dynamic purchasing systems are published as a contract notice on eTenders, therefore, it is vital that you are registered on eTenders if you wish to receive notification of relevant frameworks or dynamic purchasing systems relating to Minor

Building & Civil Works, etc. You cannot join an existing framework until it is re-advertised but applications can be made to join a dynamic purchasing system at any time during the period of validity.

The **Dynamic Purchasing System for Plant Hire for Local Authorities and the Office of Public Works** remains open for applications. Details on applying can be found by clicking on the following [link](#):

Further information is available by clicking on the following guidance documentation:

If you need assistance in registering please contact the supplygov.ie helpdesk at eproc@kerrycoco.ie or 076 1064020.

For enquiries concerning advertised tenders or request for quotation, use the contact details provided on the eTenders.ie or SupplyGov.ie, as appropriate.

Other useful links

The Office of Government Procurement (OGP) Phone Number: 1890 213 414
E-mail: support@ogp.gov.ie Website: www.ogp.gov.ie

Construction Procurement

Website www.constructionprocurement.gov.ie

ETenders

Website: www.etenders.gov.ie email : etenders@eu-supply.com

Supply Gov

Website: www.supplygov.ie

Offaly Local Enterprise Office

Website: <https://www.localenterprise.ie/Offaly/>

Intertrade Ireland

Website: <https://intertradeireland.com/>