



MORAY PROCUREMENT INITIATIVE - BUSINESS INFORMATION LINK

The Moray Council is working to address barriers to business. It is important to us that we keep you informed and advised of any procurement developments that may affect the way in which we do business with you.

This fifth newsletter is to give you an introduction to the new National Advertising Portal for all Public Sector Contract Opportunities.

Background

The “Review of Public Procurement in Scotland” by John F McClelland CBE published in March 2006 recommended the requirement for a national advertising portal to provide an easy to use and effective resource for all purchasers and suppliers involved in public sector purchasing in Scotland.

The national advertising portal – Public Contracts Scotland – has been established in response to that recommendation and can be accessed using the following link: www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk

Strategic Objectives

The introduction of the Scottish Public Sector Advertising Portal has three main objectives:

- To stimulate economic growth in Scotland by developing a competitive market environment in which potential suppliers have easy access to all essential information on business opportunities arising from the public sector.
- To enable the Scottish public sector to achieve Best Value for money by exposing the majority of procurement to an open and transparent competitive process.
- To standardise procurement documentation, for example pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQ), to aid completion by suppliers and evaluation by purchasers.

Public Contracts Scotland portal

The national portal will be accessible to suppliers and purchasers **at no cost** and will be used by central government (including agencies and non departmental public bodies, local government, the National Health Service, higher and further education organisations, the police and fire services, voluntary sector organisations, registered social landlords and all other public sector contracting entities (contracting authorities) operating in Scotland to advertise contracts and tendering opportunities.

The portal will enable public sector organisations to advertise all contracting opportunities, irrespective of value and will allow documents to be attached to the notice, e.g. Pre-Qualification Questionnaires, Invitation To Tender documentation. Suppliers will be able to view the contract notices and, if registered, to receive free e-alerts notifying them of contract opportunities relevant to their business.

Implementation

All Moray Council contract opportunities will be advertised on the new portal – www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk from 1/10/08, this replaces our current advertising portal www.publictender.co.uk.

Registering on the new Portal

Registration is free, simple and straightforward – log on to www.publiccontractsscotland.gov.uk and follow the on screen instruction.

If you are currently registered with publictender as a Supplier, your details will be automatically migrated to the new portal and you should receive an e-alert advising you to set up your password.

If you need further information or have difficulty accessing the new portal please contact us and we will be happy to assist.

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