

Supplier Bulletin: January 2018

The Highland Council participates in Commercial and Procurement Shared Services with Aberdeen City and Aberdeenshire Councils. Within the Shared Service we are looking to develop and promote supplier events/opportunities for 2018. This first Supplier Bulletin has been produced to help raise awareness with Highland suppliers of procurement related development opportunities, events and information.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Supplier Development Programme Webinars

To supplement the range of local supplier development events being planned for the benefit of the business community in the Highland Council area, the national Supplier Development Programme (SDP) offers local businesses the opportunity to access various procurement related webinars.

The overarching aim is to develop supplier capacity and capability to bid successfully for public contracts. The planned supplier development programme for the Highland area in particular aims to increase understanding of public sector procurement policy/legislation by offering practical support in terms of **i)** 1 to 1 procurement surgeries, **ii)** training events/workshops and **iii)** supplier bulletins.

Supplier Development Programme Webinars

Date	Event Name	Registration
23/01/18	Tender Procedures and the ESPD	registration link
24/01/18	Tender Procedures and the ESPD	registration link
12/02/18	Finding and Understanding Framework Opportunities	registration link
13/02/18	Finding and Understanding Framework Opportunities	registration link

Other Webinar presentations are available here [SDP Webinars](#). These resources provide an introduction to various topics including selection and award criteria, the Public Contracts Scotland advertising portal, community benefits and evaluation/scoring/weightings.

Supplying to the Public Sector – Tulloch Caledonian Stadium, Inverness

We are pleased to be able to offer in conjunction with Partnership for Procurement a Supplying to the Public Sector event in Inverness on 6th March 2018.

Partnership for Procurement (P4P) is a new initiative funded through the Scottish Government's 10 Year Social Enterprise Strategy; supporting social enterprises and third sector organisations to better access public contracts and build partnerships/consortia.

Information and registration for the event can be found via EventBrite
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/partnership-for-procurement-third-sector-roadshow-inverness-2017-tickets-41944584381>

INFORMATION

New EU Public Procurement thresholds 2018/2019

The European Commission has confirmed new financial thresholds to be applied to public procurement. The new thresholds (exclusive of VAT) apply from 1st January 2018. Tenders above the thresholds listed below must be advertised in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU) in addition to advertisement on the Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) advertising portal.

Contract Type	2018/2019 Threshold	Previous Threshold
Supply, Services and Design Contracts (Goods and Services)	£181,302 (€221,000)	£164,176 (€209,000)
Works	£4,551,413 (€5,548,000)	£4,104,394 (€5,225,000)
Social Care and other services subject to "Light Touch" regime	£615,278 (€750,000)	£589,148 (€750,000)

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