

Procurement

Procurement refers to the process of acquiring goods, services or works from external sources to support the operations of a business. Effective procurement is critical to the success of a business, as it ensures that the business has the resources it needs to operate efficiently and effectively. By carefully selecting suppliers and negotiating favourable terms, businesses can minimize costs, reduce risk and improve their overall operations.

The process typically involves these stages:

1. Identifying the need: the first step in the procurement process is to identify the goods or services that the business requires to operate effectively.
2. Supplier selection: once the business has identified its procurement needs, it must identify potential suppliers that can meet those needs. This involves researching potential suppliers, evaluating their capabilities and comparing prices and terms.
3. Negotiation: after selecting a supplier, the business must negotiate the terms of the agreement including price, delivery schedule and payment terms.
4. Contracting: once the business and supplier have agreed on the terms of the procurement, they must sign a contract outlining the details of the agreement.
5. Fulfilment: the supplier delivers the goods or services as agreed upon in the contract and the business pays the supplier according to the agreed-upon terms.
6. Performance evaluation: after the procurement is complete, the business should evaluate the supplier's performance to determine whether they met the agreed-upon standards and to identify any areas for improvement.

Become a council supplier

If you run a business and you want to supply goods or services to the Council, we use Oracle Fusion to manage all our tenders, quotes, contracts and invoice payments and operates a No Purchase Order No Pay policy. The system is easy to use and will allow your business to:

- deal with us electronically
- raise invoices directly from purchases orders online
- track payments and order progress
- view your account history
- export details of your transactions for use in your own systems
- run a paperless service, reducing costs and avoiding payment delays

Please allow enough time to register on the portal to ensure you have log in details to access the opportunity. We cannot consider, expressions of interest, selection questionnaires or tender submissions which arrive after the stated deadline.

Register or log into Oracle Fusion (if this link does not open in Chrome, please copy and paste link onto Google Chrome browser)

To find out more about how to use the system or how to register, please [click here](#).

SME Toolkit to prevent modern slavery

This free toolkit, developed jointly by **STOP THE TRAFFIK** and **Shiva Foundation**, provides SMEs with practical guidance on mitigating the risk of modern slavery in their business operations – the guide includes a simple risk assessment, practical steps to protect employees, and clear guidance on how to report modern slavery concerns.

[Download the modern slavery SME Toolkit](#)

Current tender opportunities

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Tenders for construction work

We do not have our own list of approved suppliers for construction and related work. Instead we use an online register of approved suppliers called **Constructionline**

If you want us to consider you for our work contracts, you must register with Constructionline and **Oracle Fusion**.