



# How to use Find a Tender, the Central Digital Platform

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## Introduction

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025, the rules that shaped how public bodies buy goods and services changed. In this guide you we will give you an overview of the Central Digital Platform including what can be found, how to look at notices, notifications and the use of data.

## Why is there a Central Digital Platform?

The Central Digital Platform is an online resource which will make it easier for Suppliers to find and bid for contract opportunities. It is the place where all the regulated public procurement notices are published.

These notices are important for transparency as they set out the details about:

- What goods, services or works the public sector is going to buy
- Opportunities for suppliers to tender for contracts
- Information about the process by which a decision to enter into a public contract is made and
- Information about the awarded contract throughout its life

The notices are issued throughout the process of the procurement, into contract management, and are designed to allow interested parties to look at them free of charge.

There are 17 notices across all the parts of the procurement and contract management cycle. **Not** all the notices are used in every procurement as some relate to special activities.

In this guide, we will look in depth at 3 key notices to watch out for:

- Pipeline Notice (UK1)
- Tender Notice (UK4)
- Contract Award Notice (UK6)

## Pipeline Notice (UK1)

The pipeline notice lets suppliers know what procurements are expected. This is a mandatory notice for any contracting authority that spends more than £100 million, under relevant contracts, in any financial year. In-scope contracting authorities must publish this notice for any intended requirement over £2 million.

For more information on the pipeline notice, please read the [Procurement Act 2023 Section 93](#) and the [Procurement Regulations 2024 Regulation 15](#). Supplementary guidance is available on [GOV.UK](#).

## Tender Notice (UK4)

The tender notice lets suppliers know that there is an opportunity to tender for.

For more information on the tender notice, please read the [Procurement Act 2023 Section 21](#) and the [Procurement Regulations 2024 Regulation 18-24](#). Supplementary guidance is available on [GOV.UK](#).

## Contract Award Notice (UK6)

Once tenders have been assessed, the contract award notice is published to let suppliers know that the contracting authority intends to enter into a public contract. This includes details of the awarded supplier and the estimated value of the contract.

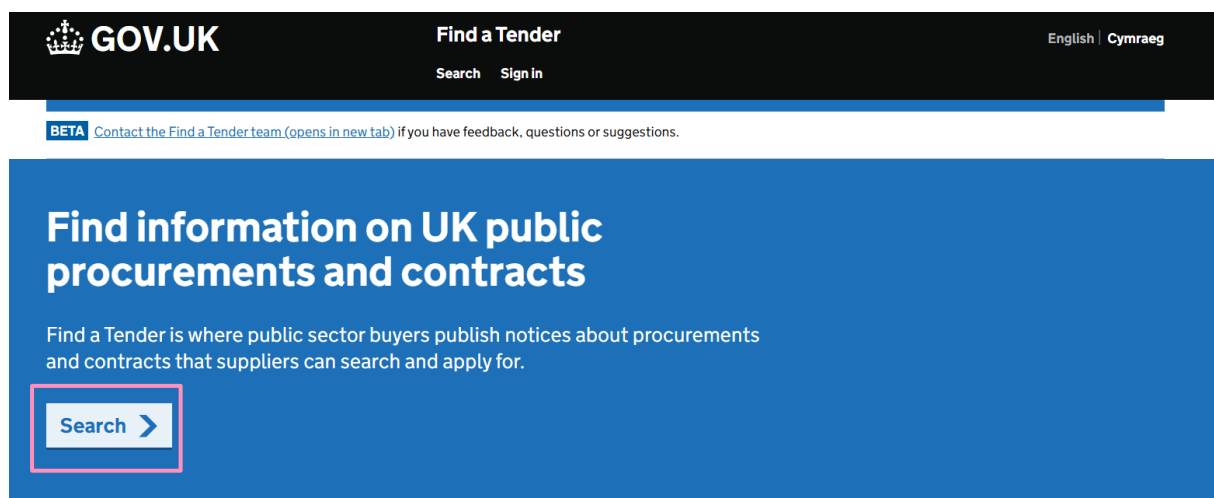
For more information on the contract award notice, please read the [Procurement Act 2023 Section 50](#) and the [Procurement Regulations 2024 Regulation 27-41](#). Supplementary guidance is available on [GOV.UK](#).

# Searching for opportunities and setting up notifications

There will be lots of notices published over time. To help in locating specific notices, there are search tools and notifications available.

To demonstrate the functionality, this guide will walkthrough an example of a small Supplier looking for suitable contract in the North West of England.

To begin looking for notices, you should select **'Search'** on the homepage of Find a Tender.



You will then be presented with all of the notices on the platform. As you can see, there are a range of filters to help you narrow down the options.

## Search results

We've found **192,177** notices

**Keywords**

Search titles, descriptions, identifiers and organisation names

[Help with keyword search](#)

**Procurement stage**

[What are the procurement stages?](#)

☐ Open opportunities only

☒ Pipeline

☒ Planning

**Sort results**

Relevance ▼

**Prince Philip Maritime Collection Centre - Spur Roof Overlay**

Royal Museums Greenwich

Portions of the wider RMG collection when not on display are managed and conserved at the Prince Philip Maritime Collection Centre (PPMCC) in Kidbrooke. The site comprises conservation studios and various modes of storage which vary between museum-grade 'conservation' conditioned spaces, ...

**Notice type** UK4: Tender notice

**Total value including VAT** £360,000

**Contract location** Location not specified

**Submission deadline** 10 September 2025, 5:00pm

**Publication date** 6 August 2025, 4:05pm

[Community-led Research: Supporting young people directly affected by](#)

You can select which notices you would like to see under the **'Notice type'** filter for this demonstration we will select **UK4: Tender Notice**.

On the left hand side you will see the option **'Notice type'** click here to expand the drop-down box, you will then need to select **'Procurement Act 2023'** all of the notices will be selected, **'Deselect all'** and tick **'UK4: Tender Notice'** you will then need to click onto **'Update results'** to see all of the available tender notices.

**Notice type**

[What are the different notice types?](#)

▼ **Procurement Act 2023**

[Select all](#)   [Deselect all](#)

- ☐ UK1: Pipeline notice
- ☐ UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice
- ☐ UK3: Planned procurement notice
- ☒ **UK4: Tender notice**
- ☐ UK5: Transparency notice
- ☐ UK6: Contract award notice
- ☐ UK7: Contract details notice
- ☐ UK10: Contract change notice
- ☐ UK11: Contract termination notice

**Update results**

[Reset](#)

[Save search](#)

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**Engagement deadline** 11 August 2025  
**Contract location** UKI - London  
**Submission deadline** 11 August 2025, 11:59pm  
**Publication date** 6 August 2025, 4:05pm

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**[Design and delivery of Barnet Heritage Trail](#)**  
London Borough of Barnet

London Borough of Barnet is looking to appoint an artist or designer to deliver a creative heritage wayfinding trail, rooted in co-creation with community participants, that illuminates Barnet's heritage and celebrates the uniqueness of places in the borough. The appointed contractor will design ...

**Notice type** UK4: Tender notice  
**Total value including VAT** £75,000  
**Contract location** UKI71 - Barnet  
**Submission deadline** 28 August 2025, 12:00pm  
**Publication date** 6 August 2025, 4:05pm

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**[TC258 - Fire Risk Assessments Contract](#)**  
Bolton Council

The tender is to provide fire risk assessments to the Councils property portfolio, that are compliant, value for money, fit for purpose and sustainable. It is to be used by the Council's Facilities Management Team within Corporate Property Services. The Authority will appoint one Provider for the ...

**Notice type** F03: Contract award notice

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**Contract location** UKK41 - Plymouth  
**Supplier** Codec dss  
**Publication date** 6 August 2025, 4:00pm

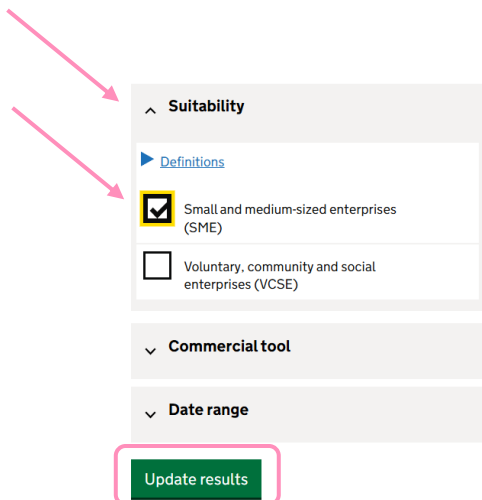
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**[Short breaks for Children and young people](#)**  
London Borough of Merton

The London Borough of Merton ("the Authority") is seeking to undertake a procurement exercise [procure holiday, weekend and after school activities for children and young people with disabilities aged 5 to 18. ... The London Borough of Merton ("the Authority") is seeking to undertake a ...

**Notice type** UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice

Next, using the **'Suitability'** filter, select **'Small and medium-sized enterprises'** and click onto **'Update results'** to see those opportunities that have been marked as particularly suitable.



**Suitability**

[Definitions](#)

- ☒ Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- ☐ Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

**Commercial tool**

**Date range**

**Update results**

**Headline Scope** This appointment is for work during Milestone Stage 1 (Outline Masterplan RIBA 2 and AMPs RIBA 3 - subject to instruction) and subsequently, subject to further council approvals - Milestone Stage 2 (Planning / elements of RIBA 3) up to and including the award of planning consent for ...

**Notice type** UK4: Tender notice

**Total value including VAT** £350,000

**Contract location** UKJ3 - Hampshire and Isle of Wight

**Submission deadline** 10 September 2025, 12:00pm

**Publication date** 6 August 2025, 4:09pm

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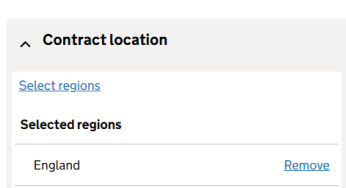
[Provision of IT Security Solutions \(2025\)](#)

National Museum of the Royal Navy

The National Museum of the Royal Navy (NMRN) has reviewed its current cyber security stack and is looking to implement further measures to protect its systems, data and people. Solutions to be implemented should complement current security measures and enhance our visibility, understanding and ...

**Notice type** UK4: Tender notice

You will also have the option to filter opportunities by delivery location. To do this click onto **'Contract location'**, then **'Select regions'**



**Contract location**

[Select regions](#)

**Selected regions**

England [Remove](#)

**Submission deadline** 10 September 2025, 12:00pm

**Publication date** 6 August 2025, 4:09pm

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A pop-up box will then appear. From here you can select one, or many regions for the contract delivery by clicking on the **'+' '-'**, once selected click **'Add regions to filter'**.

Region selector

☐ United Kingdom
☐ England
☐ North East (England)
☒ North West (England)

Regions selected

North West (England)

Add regions to filter
Cancel

Once you have added all the filters necessary for your search, click **'Update results'** to search for notices that are within your filters.

## Search results

We've found **568** notices

### Keywords

Search titles, descriptions, identifiers and organisation names

[Help with keyword search](#)

### Procurement stage

### Notice type

### Industry CPV code

### Contract location

### Sort results

Relevance

### [Security/Guarding Services](#)

Bath College

The provision of physical guarding within an Education establishment as follows: 4.1Security Contractor shall: 4.1.1Provide an onsite manager (this can be one contact who is available on either Campus); 4.1.2Ensure that Safer Recruitment processes are followed, in line with the College's ...

**Notice type** UK4: Tender notice

**Total value including VAT** £240,000

### Contract locations

UKC - North East (England); UKD - North West (England); UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber; UKF - East Midlands (England); UKG - West Midlands (England); UKH - East of England; UKI - London; UKJ - South East (England); UKK - South West (England)

**Submission deadline** 29 August 2025, 11:00pm

**Publication date** 6 August 2025, 2:42pm

[Regulation 61 Notice - Monitoring Programme Plan Analysis](#)



To make this easier, you can also set up alerts on the system using **‘saved searches’**. This means you will get an email to tell you when someone has posted a notice that meets your criteria.

Once you have selected the filters you would like to search for, you can select **‘save search’** which will open the below pop up. You will be able to name the search and select how frequently you would like a notification emailed to you.

value

Suitability

Commercial tool

Date range

Update results

Reset

Save search

MAG AIRPORT LIMITED

The aim of this Procurement is to secure a Contract for 12 months for the testing of MAG's trade effluent and surface water to ensure compliance with regulation 61. Further details can be found within the Invitation to Tender documents. ... PFAS & Non PFAS testing for East Midlands, Manchester ...

**Notice type** UK4: Tender notice

**Total value including VAT** £4,799,994

**Lot values including VAT**  
£1,199,998; £308,400; £343,200; £548,398; £479,520; £123,360; £137,280; £219,360; £720,478; £185,040; £205,920; £329,040

**Contract locations**  
UKC - North East (England); UKD - North West (England); UKE - Yorkshire and the Humber; UKF - East Midlands (England); UKG - West Midlands (England); UKH - East of England; UKI - London; UKJ - South East (England); UKK - South West (England)

**Submission deadline** 3 October 2025, 10:00am

**Publication date** 6 August 2025, 2:40pm

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[Station Infrastructure Enhancement](#)

Transport for London

Station Infrastructure Enhancement - Timber Canopies; Staircase Tactile Remediation; Platforms

☒ Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)

☐ Voluntary, social enter

Date range

Publication date

From

For example, 11 11

Day

Month

27

11

To

Day

Month

28

11

Closing date

Update results

Reset

Save search

Save search criteria

You are about to save the currently selected search criteria.

An entry will be added to your saved searches list, and you can choose to receive email alerts.

We will send you emails in the same language that you use the website.

Search name (optional)

Email frequency

You will only receive emails about new notices in your search criteria

Daily

Save search

Cancel

## Useful Links

- Find a Tender - <https://www.gov.uk/find-tender>
- Video Guidance: An overview of the Central digital platform, an enhanced Find a Tender Service - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TSfxoZoV3yI>