

Members Information Sheet - South West Procurement Portal

Introduction

Stroud District Council has agreed, as part of the Corporate Delivery Plan, to join the South West Procurement Portal.

This information sheet aims to give you information about the portal, its implementation and the benefits for suppliers and the Council.

You can view the portal at www.supplyingthesouthwest.org.uk

Portal

This is an online purchasing system where the procurement process can be managed, from advertising opportunities through to contract management. The portal will eventually be the only way that suppliers will find out about any of our procurement opportunities.

Implementation

The portal has been implemented in Tenant Services and it will be rolled out across the whole authority over the next 12 months. We will base this roll out on the volume of procurement activity carried out by each service.

Benefits for Suppliers

The benefits for existing and potential suppliers are:

- Registration is free for suppliers.
- They can create their own profile of procurement categories that interest them.
- They receive automatic notification when opportunities matching their profile become available.
- They receive and submit information electronically via the portal.
- They can view opportunities for all Councils using the portal.

Supplier Adoption - Informing Existing and Potential Suppliers

We have notified our existing suppliers via email informing them of the change in advertising opportunities and method of buying, and encouraging them to register on the portal to receive email notifications.

To support us in the promotion of the portal the local FSB has emailed all their members informing them of the portal implementation.

We have sent out press releases to the local newspapers, which also appeared on our website and included information about the portal with the NNDR bills.

Benefits for the Council

Benefits for the Council by implementing the portal:

- All our opportunities advertised in one place.
- Standardised processes complying with our Constitution, Contract and Procurement Procedure Rules.
- Depending on the value of the contract, differing levels of authorisation incorporated in the processes.
- A more transparent method of notifying suppliers, including local suppliers, of our opportunities.

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