

# E-sourcing / e-tendering solutions



North of England  
Commercial Procurement Collaborative

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## Background to contract

This framework assists with enabling NHS organisations to easily access a competitive route to source e-procurement solutions to meet mandates to transition to electronic procurement solutions, where not already in place, or to retest the market where existing systems are in place.



This framework provides a platform for NHS organisations to acquire secure, electronic procurement solutions to support their procurement activities for both above and below the OJEU threshold.

These systems streamline procurement processes and improve efficiencies within these activities whilst providing a robust audit trail to support compliance with trusts' Standing Orders and EU Procurement Directives.

The e-procurement solutions covered by this framework are:

**Lot 1:** E-sourcing/e-tendering tool, including evaluation with e auctions as an option.

**Lot 2:** Contract management and vendor management – with the

option to enable further competitions under framework agreements.

**Lot 3:** Enhanced / complex tender evaluation and award with collaborative / remote evaluation options.

**Lot 4:** E-auction only – including support packages.

Each lot covers an electronic solution that offers the benefit of acting in a secure electronic environment to allow ease of access to the procurement processes including, but not limited to:

- Variable access rights for users
- Easy access to help and guidance
- Sharing of documents
- Mass uploading and

downloading of documents in various forms i.e Word, Excel, PDF etc.

- Ease of publishing and responding to requirements
- Evaluating and communicating within projects with controlled access
- Strict audit trails supporting the activity both from the buyer's side of the portal and the supplier's side of the portal
- Real time messaging capability that is auditable

## Benefits

- Standardised processes for issuing, receiving and communicating within a bid process

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- Strict audit trails around procurement activities
- Reduction in internal resource to manage bids – particularly where presently undertaken manually
- Potential for cost savings as competitive rates are available via the framework

## Appointed suppliers

- BiP Solutions Limited
- Due North
- European Dynamics SA
- In-tend Ltd

## Any questions?

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