

CIPFA Procurement Webinar

Part of the New Procurement Act 2023 Support - Are you ready?

All you need to know about Below Threshold Contracts, Frameworks and Dynamic Markets under PA23

Webinar

10 September 2024 - (09.30 – 13.00)

Purpose

New provisions in the Procurement Act 2023 (“PA23”) relating to the award of Below Threshold Contracts, establishment and use of Frameworks and Dynamic Markets are an area of growing interest and concern for practitioners. This focussed and detailed webinar has been developed to provide clarity around what Contracting Authorities must do before October to update internal rules and resources when awarding below threshold contracts, set up and operate “Closed” and the new “Open” Frameworks, as well as understand, navigate and maximise the opportunities offered by the new Dynamic Markets.

The event will cover practical tips covering these 3 highlighted areas of the PA23, which will be areas practitioners will be looking at closely before October. The event will also offer delegates plenty of time to ask questions.

Learning Outcomes

How will you benefit?

- Practical explanation of PA23 Sections relating to the award of below Threshold contracts, Frameworks and Dynamic Markets.
- Help to remove misunderstandings around use of Frameworks and Dynamic Markets.
- Demonstration of how to run a compliant call-off under Frameworks and Dynamic Markets.
- How to structure procurement documents (terms and conditions and award criteria).
- Post award obligations when awarding under Frameworks/ Dynamic Markets.
- Advantages/ disadvantages - making your choice between Frameworks/ Dynamic Markets.
- Opportunity to ask questions and access sample templates

Who Will Benefit

The webinar will support procurement, category managers, finance, solicitors, auditors, contract managers, ICT directors, technical managers and project managers who are responsible for setting up or making use of Frameworks and Dynamic Markets, as well as award of below threshold contracts.

Programme

09.20 – 09.30 **Join the Webinar**

09.30 – 09.40 **Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Webinar**
Mohamed Hans, Solicitor, Procurement Advisor,
CIPFA Procurement & Commissioning Network

09.40 – 10.30 **Solving mysteries of below threshold procurement**
This session will provide an update on the changes (if any) to the award of below threshold contracts introduced by the PA23. It will cover:

- What are below threshold contracts?
- Overview of the legal position
- Update on rules relating to advertising, award notification, shortlisting, feedback & wider considerations
- Dealing with below threshold works contracts
- New notices
- Procurement objectives and SME obligation
- Reserving contracts to local suppliers
- Convertible contracts
- CSO update

10.30 – 11.25 **Key practitioner issues relating to frameworks**
In this session, delegates will be given a practical overview of the key changes under PA23 relating to frameworks. The session will cover:

- Types of frameworks
- Who can set up frameworks?
- Structuring procurement documents for frameworks
- Modifying frameworks
- Using competitive selection process to award contracts
- How many suppliers should you have on a framework?
- Setting up and re-opening open frameworks
- Understanding new terminology
- Accessing closed and open frameworks
- Notices, assessment summaries & voluntary standstill
- Admitting incumbent suppliers
- Resource impact

11.25 – 11.40 **Comfort Break**

11:40 – 12.35 **Dynamic markets in PA23 – innovation or complications?**

- What are dynamic markets?
- What has happened to dynamic purchasing systems?
- Establishing dynamic markets – notices
- Setting out conditions of membership
- Use for above threshold procurements (guidance)
- Using dynamic markets
- Modifying dynamic markets
- Imposing fees
- Notices and assessment summaries
- Resource impact

12.35 – 13.00 **Detailed discussion, polls, summary & close**



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