

CIPFA Procurement Webinar

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

The Wait is Over – Implementing the New Procurement Act 2023

Zoom Webinar - Special Extended Event

26 September 2024

With just a few months to go before implementation of the new Procurement Act 2023 (“PA23”), this event has been re-scheduled to help you master the new provisions. PA23 heralds the biggest shake-up of procurement rules for a generation and presents plenty of opportunities, challenges as well as new terminology and concepts which need to be quickly understood and applied. This event has been designed to support delegates gain an introductory and practical understanding of the new sections, schedules and published/ available guidance to kickstart successful implementation. The event will also highlight areas which remain the same under PA23 and where day to day application needs to be adapted to avoid costly mistakes and delays to vital procurement projects.

Learning Outcomes

How will you benefit?

Key learning outcomes include:

- Explanation of key changes, new terminology and ways/ approaches to procurement.
- What do the changes mean and what you need to know to implement?
- Understand key commercial and contract management implications.
- Detailed explanation of key changes in the Act, including framework agreements and dynamic markets.
- Offer practical tips on updating documents and other implementation measures.

Who Will Benefit

The webinar will support procurement, finance, solicitors, project managers, auditors and contract managers with day-to-day responsibilities for seeking tenders and managing suppliers.

Programme

09.20 – 09.30	Join the Webinar
09.30 – 09.35	Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Webinar Mohamed Hans, Solicitor, Procurement Advisor, CIPFA Procurement & Commissioning Network
09.35 – 10.20	Road to Reform & High-Level Changes Introduced by PA23 This session will introduce delegates to the new Act and some of the general changes. It will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Journey from Bill to PA23▪ Transitional provisions▪ Changes to definitions and scope▪ Valuation of contracts▪ Central Digital Platform▪ Explanation of updated procurement principles & new objectives▪ National Procurement Policy Statement▪ Conflicts of interest assessment▪ Record keeping▪ Below threshold tenders▪ Function of Procurement Review Unit (PRU)
10.10 – 11.20	Understanding the Nuts and Bolts of the PA23 This session will cover detailed changes that practitioners need to know in order to manage procurements under the new provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Approach to preliminary market engagement (notices, prior engagement, unfair advantage)▪ Procurement time periods▪ Extension of exclusion grounds to associated suppliers and subcontractors, national security, improper behaviour▪ Excluded/ excludable suppliers▪ Light Touch Contracts
11.20 – 11.35	Comfort Break
11.35 – 12.45	Undertaking a Procurement Process under the New Regime This session will take delegates through practical steps in issuing new tenders under the new rules. <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Setting conditions of participation & award criteria▪ Revising award criteria▪ Most advantageous tender▪ Tender Notice/ Transparency Notice▪ Open procedure▪ Competitive flexible procedure▪ Assessment Summaries▪ Contract Award Notice and Assessment Summary▪ Contract Details Notice and publication of contract
12.45 – 13.25	Lunch
13.25 – 14.05	In Depth Explanation - Key Change - 1 How to Set up and Operate Framework Agreements & Dynamic Markets The afternoon session will detail a list of specific changes and give delegates an opportunity to ask further questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ What are “Closed” and “Open” Framework Agreements?▪ Establishing Framework Agreements▪ Making call-offs under Framework Agreements▪ Operating successive Open Framework Agreements▪ Establishing & operating Dynamic Markets▪ Will Dynamic Markets replace DPS?

14.05 – 14.40	<p>In Depth Explanation – Key Change - 2 Making changes to Awarded contracts - New Gateways for Modifications</p> <p>The new rules include several important changes to the rules on modifying awarded contracts. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Substantial safe harbour/ below-threshold changes ▪ Permitted modifications in Schedule 8 ▪ Publication of contract change notice ▪ Applying voluntary standstill period
14.40 – 14.50	<p>Comfort Break</p>
14.50 – 15.20	<p>In Depth Explanation – Key Change - 3 Making Direct Award of Contracts</p> <p>This session will consider where CAs will be able to award a contract directly without a competitive tendering procedure.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is a direct award? ▪ Key changes and grounds ▪ When can a direct award be made? ▪ Transparency notice obligations ▪ Direct award justifications
15.20 – 15.50	<p>In Depth Explanation – Key Change – 4 Key Performance Indicators and Monitoring Reforms Explained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Assessment of contract performance ▪ Key performance indicators ▪ Exemptions for KPI's in contracts ▪ Publication of assessment obligations ▪ Reporting of breach resulting in termination, award of damages, settlement or supplier not delivering to authority's satisfaction. ▪ Contract management - payment information
15.50 – 16.00	<p>Discussion, questions & close</p>



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