



# Public Sector Procurement is changing

## Procurement Act 2023: a guide for suppliers

Significant new regulations are on their way that will transform public sector procurement. But do not fear - NEPO is here to help navigate what the reforms mean for you!



### Centralised registration

A central place to register and store your business details so that they can be used for multiple bids.



### One-stop shop

Improved transparency and access to information, with all public procurement opportunities in one place, making it easier to search for and set up alerts for procurements of interest to you.



### Straightforward bidding

Simplified bidding processes to make it easier to bid, negotiate and work in partnership with the public sector, including a new 'competitive flexible' procedure.



### Increased visibility

Better visibility of procurement plans, engagement events and tender opportunities - including those below threshold - increasing the number of opportunities available to bid on.



### Eradicating barriers

A new duty on contracting authorities to have regard to the particular barriers facing SMEs and VCSEs, and to consider what can be done to overcome them throughout the procurement lifecycle, helping level the playing field for smaller businesses.



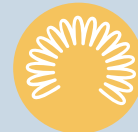
### Prompt payments

Strengthened provisions for prompt payment throughout the supply chain, enabling SMEs to benefit from 30 day payment terms on a broader range of public sector contracts.



### Improved transparency

Expect greater visibility about who is bidding for, and winning, larger public sector contracts above £5million, and the details of those public contracts.



### More flexibility

Frameworks will be more flexible, so prospective suppliers are not shut out for long periods of time.



### Stricter exclusions

A stronger exclusions framework will take tougher action on underperforming suppliers.

Find out more about the changes coming into place on our website: [nepo.org](https://nepo.org)

