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We spend in excess of £100 million per year on supplies and services, providing commercial opportunities to businesses of all sizes.

Our objective is to secure the best value for money whilst seeking to create opportunities to help companies and boost employment.

In 2024 new procurement legislation is being implemented which will mean some changes to how goods, works and services are procured within the public sector. You can find out more about the planned changes by visiting [The Procurement Act 2023](#)

A series of on-demand, knowledge drop videos have been made available. The Knowledge Drops will provide a useful introduction of the new Procurement Act to suppliers.

The Knowledge Drops for Suppliers are 45 minutes in total and broken down into 3 smaller sections.

1. [KD3: Knowledge Drop for Suppliers part 1](#)
2. [KD3: Knowledge Drop for Suppliers part 2](#)
3. [KD3: Knowledge Drop for Suppliers part 3](#)

There are also knowledge drops aimed specifically at small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs) and voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSEs) who deliver contracts to the UK public sector. These can be accessed using the links below:

1. [KD3b: Knowledge Drop for SME/VCSEs part 1](#)
2. [KD3b: Knowledge Drop for SME/VCSEs part 2](#)
3. [KD3b: Knowledge Drop for SME/VCSEs part 3](#)

Procurement Act 2023 – Supplier information

To support readiness for the new regime and to make it easier for suppliers to find information central government have set up a [dedicated supplier information page on Gov.uk](#).

Using the link you will find information that outlines what the key changes in public procurement are as well as how you can view tender opportunities using the central digital platform. The page will be updated as any further information becomes available.

Types of procurement

The estimated value of the contract determines which procurement route we are required to follow.

Advertising procurement opportunities

We use e-tendering as our primary system to manage tenders and quotations.

Any company wishing to be considered for supplying to us, must register on the [e-tendering portal - The Chest](#).

Suppliers only need to register once and this is free of charge. From here you can also browse our current opportunities

How to bid for council tenders

If you are a supplier interested in working with Blackpool Council, or want to understand how to identify relevant opportunities, we

have compiled a range of helpful guides to support you throughout the process. Each guide includes practical tips and step-by-step instructions on how to navigate the various systems, enabling you to stay informed about both upcoming and live opportunities.

We recommend that you begin by reading the guide to working with Blackpool Council and the glossary.

Additional supporting documents are referenced within the guide to working with Blackpool Council and should be read when prompted to ensure you have all the information needed to begin the process.

[View our supplier guidance](#)

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Additional information

[Publication of tender opportunities and contracts](#)

[Blackpool Council's suppliers charter](#)

[Delivering social value for Blackpool - A guide for suppliers](#)

[Social value policy](#)

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