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Dear Supplier,

In October 2024, significant new regulations will come into effect that will transform public procurement - the Procurement Act 2023. Following the laying of secondary legislation last month, we can confirm that we are working towards a 'go-live' date for the new regime of Monday 28 October 2024.

We are working towards a 'go live date' for the new regime of Monday 28 October 2024. This is an important piece of legislation that will change the way the public sector buys goods and services. As one of our suppliers this will impact the way we do business, so you need to know about these changes and our plans to prepare to go live. The existing rules will continue to apply for contracts that are already in progress, and for procurements started under the current regime, however for all new procurements post October, it is important that you understand the change.

A key objective for the Procurement Act 2023 was to make it easier for suppliers to do business with the public sector- as such there are some core benefits for suppliers once the new regime goes live in October, including:

- A central place to register and to store your core business details so that they can be used for multiple bids
- 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
- Better visibility of procurement plans, engagement events and tender opportunities - including those below threshold - increasing the number of opportunities

Our procurement team is now working through the necessary training and guidance materials, so we are ready to operate under the new regulations and realise the benefits of the new regime when it goes live.

There is already a range of information and resources about the new regime on the Transforming Public Procurement landing page. If you haven't already, we strongly recommend you watch the 'Knowledge Drop' videos with dedicated versions designed specifically for suppliers, including SME and VCSE suppliers - these will give you a broader understanding of the changes which will be coming.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-official-transforming-public-procurement-knowledge-drops>

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We will be planning to arrange engagement events with suppliers in due course which will provide an opportunity for you to ask any questions about the new regulations.

In the meantime, if you would like to discuss any aspect of the new Act please contact the Procurement Team at corporate.procurement@nottscc.gov.uk or the dedicated Transforming Public Procurement helpdesk at procurement.reform@cabinetoffice.gov.uk.

With Best Wishes,

Corporate Procurement Team
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