



East Midlands
Improvement and
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EM IEP Monthly Procurement and Efficiency Bulletin

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This month, we will be producing 2 newsletters, one focusing on procurement and efficiency issues which will be sent to those interested in procurement and efficiency and a general bulletin that will be circulated as normal.

If you would like to receive both bulletins please email: rebecca.parker@nottsc.gov.uk



Information

OGC publishes new model contract for public sector ICT procurement

The Office of Government Commerce (OGC) has announced a new version of the free Information Communication Technology (ICT) model contract and associated guidance. The new model contract aims to help achieve better outcomes for projects with complex ICT procurements, while at the same time saving time and money. It has been produced in conjunction with the delivery partner of the contract, Partnerships UK (PUK), and follows consultation with industry body Intellect, the legal profession and key government stakeholders.

For more information please go to:

http://www.ogc.gov.uk/About_OGC_news_8447.asp

Operational Efficiency Programme launched

HM Treasury has launched the Operational Efficiency Programme. The programme forms a key part of the Government's drive to achieve greater efficiency savings across public spending, with the potential to deliver billions of pounds of savings.

The Operational Efficiency Programme will be wide-ranging, focussing initially on five strands examining cross-cutting areas of government spending and drawing on the best public and private sector experience.

For more information go to:

<http://www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk/publications.htm#Procurement>



Information

Taxi toolkit

The taxi toolkit has been jointly developed by the former North West Regional Improvement & Efficiency Partnership and Merseytravel. It's online and divided into two parts.

The first section covers procurement issues and includes general papers on taxi management within local authorities. In addition, there are contributions from local authorities on framework contracts and the establishment of a quality taxi partnership.

The second part of the toolkit focuses on training in the taxi industry and includes a number of papers and a presentation which looks at the training requirements for taxi drivers.

Merseytravel has provided an overview of the Merseyside-wide Taxi Driver Training Programme and the results of the programme.

The Taxi toolkit can be found at:

www.nwce.gov.uk/transport/taxi-toolkit.php.

Sitra – A Providers Guide to Procurement

This guide is designed to ease the process of procuring services for those working within the housing care and support sector. The guide, funded by the Department for Communities and Local Government, offers readers a step-by-step analysis of the procurement process and offers helpful suggestions, insights and case histories from organisations who have tendered for services.

It is available to download from the Sitra website <http://www.sitra.org.uk/index.php?id=396>





Information

Care Funding Calculator set to transform adult care purchasing

The launch of the care funding calculator on 03 July marks a major opportunity to transform the way care for people with learning disabilities is purchased.

Developed by the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnerships, the calculator is being offered to all English adult care departments following successful trials in over 70 councils and two primary care trusts.

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Lessons from outsourcing adult social care

Over the last decade in England, local government has outsourced major parts of adult social care. A new report offers a set of 'messages' for other parts of local government on how they might manage workforce issues positively if and when they consider outsourcing.

Download additional information from the following link:

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelid=8424489>



Information

Managing Your Grey Fleet

Grey Fleet travel refers to mileage in employee-owned vehicles - a grey area, where millions of hidden miles are travelled each year and often overlooked by employers and employees alike.

In the public sector, evidence indicates that grey fleet makes up around 57% of total road mileage. This means that if you are a public sector organisation looking to make cost savings, reduce environmental impact, or better manage the risks related to driving for work, grey fleet is an important place to focus your attention.

Download additional information about grey fleet, the ways you can better manage it, and the potential benefits of better management using the following link:
http://www.ogc.gov.uk/commodities_procurement_fleet_7117.asp

OGC eAuction Secures 40% Savings in ICT Hardware

OGC hosted their latest national eAuction (#9) for ICT hardware on Thursday 24 July and secured savings of 40%. Included in this round were three East Midlands councils .

If you are interested in participating in the next round (#10) which is likely to be held in December 08, please contact **Andrew Foster** for more information.
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Information

Notts Councils join forces to save almost £1/4m

Nottinghamshire Local Authorities have joined forces to buy new council vehicles saving nearly a quarter of a million pounds over the next three years.

The deal, led by Gedling Borough Council, involved all eight local authorities including Notts County Council and Nottingham City Council, signing a three-year contract for a range of panel vans and commercial vehicles from Ford Sandiccliffe Motors. The contract allows the local authorities to buy a range of vehicles in bulk, creating discounts they would not have been entitled to with a single purchase.

Sandiccliffe Motors also arranged, through the Ford Group's training department, to train the authority's workshop fitters on the new vehicles being supplied at a centrally located workshop in Nottinghamshire.

Cllr Richard Nicholson, Portfolio Holder for Direct Services and Property Services and Property at Gedling Borough Council, said: " This is a great example of partnership working which has resulted in all the councils saving a substantial amount of money. The money we have saved will be reinvested to enable us to improve the services that we deliver".

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EM IEP would like to thank Gedling Borough Council for the provision of the above photograph showing GBC's Head of Direct services, Dave Parton (far left) signing the cost saving deal.



Event

PRO class training and education workshop

The new ProClass toolkit was posted on our website mid-July, and hard copies will also be available.

ProClass is the procurement classification standard for local government and is backed by the RIEPs, following its adoption by eight of the nine Regional Centres of Excellence in 2006. The toolkit includes case studies as well as a CD with the latest version of ProClass, guidance papers, model presentation and mapping tools.

We appreciate that many people will want to know more, and with that in mind, the East and West Midlands RIEPs are joining forces to launch the toolkit to councils in both regions. The half-day launch, which will also be a training/education programme, will be held on Wednesday **17th September, 9.00 – 1.00 p.m.** at Empower Training Services, Ratcliffe on Soar.

All Heads of procurement are invited. There is no cost for the programme and you are strongly advised to register your interest at the earliest opportunity to Lois Dale (lois.dale@nottsc.gov.uk). We are restricting numbers to two places for each authority in the first instance. Additional representatives will be placed on a reserved list.

Should you have any specific enquiries please contact Andrew Foster (Andrew.foster@nottsc.gov.uk).



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Event

Pan Government Energy Project

**Tuesday 23 September 2008,
Pera, Melton Mowbray Leicestershire**

In January 2007 HM Treasury announced Transforming Government Procurement, an initiative to review government spending. In response the OGC launched the Pan Government Energy Project in April 2007, sponsored by the MOD, to review public sector energy usage and procurement with the aim of delivering both cost and carbon savings.

The project has developed a series of recommendations for improving energy procurement and management across the public sector, including Local Government.

This event is specifically designed to inform energy decision makers and those with an interest in energy procurement and costs about the progress of this project and what it can deliver for you.

To view the agenda please go to

<http://www.eastmidlandsiep.gov.uk/events/index.htm>
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EM Procurement Hub (Password Protected)

<http://secure.emce.gov.uk/procurement/index.htm>

Sustainable Procurement Information Network (SPIN)

www.s-p-i-n.co.uk

Source East Midlands Contract Portal

www.sourceeastmidlands.co.uk

Procurement Connection Online Toolkit

www.procurementconnection.co.uk

East Midlands Law Share Partnership (EM LawShare)

www.emlawshare.co.uk

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