### Invite tenders and select contractors



#### **Overview**

This standard is about inviting, receiving, recording and evaluating tenders and selecting and awarding contracts. It includes answering pre-tender queries, making a selection against agreed criteria and negotiating contracts with suppliers. It is for administrators who invite tenders and select contractors.

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# Performance criteria

### You must be able to:

- P1 include full information about the tendering process
- P2 promote invitation to tender
- P3 answer pre-tender queries in ways which make sure all prospective suppliers have the same information available to them
- P4 receive, record and open tenders in line with the stated tendering process
- P5 evaluate tenders against criteria
- P6 make a selection in line with the selection criteria
- P7 inform unsuccessful contractors and provide them with feedback where appropriate
- P8 negotiate with selected suppliers to reach an agreement which offers good value for money and is acceptable to both parties
- P9 negotiate contracts, complying with legislation and regulations
- P10 make sure specifications and contracts are clear, logical and feasible and contain the correct terminology

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# Knowledge and understanding

# You need to know and understand:

- K1 the legal, regulatory and organisational requirements governing contracts
- K2 how to identify financial resources needed to achieve aims and objectives of the specification
- K3 the purpose and benefits of having objective selection criteria
- K4 the purpose and benefits of inviting a range of potential contractors to bid for the contract
- K5 which points to consider when evaluating tenders
- K6 how to negotiate with suppliers

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#### **Additional Information**

**Skills** 

- 1. analysing
- 2. evaluating
- 3. negotiating
- 4. planning
- 5. prioritising
- 6. problem solving
- 7. reporting

**Links to other NOS** 

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