

The Procurement Hub for the East of England

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What is Improvement East?

Improvement East is the Regional Improvement and Efficiency Partnership (RIEP) for the East of England. We support local authorities and other public organisations in their drive to improve services and increase efficiency.

How we can help

Creation of the new East of England Procurement Hub is an initiative supported by Improvement East under our Efficiency theme. Helping authorities drive efficiency savings through smarter procurement is just part of the range of support we can offer authorities in our region.

What is the East of England Procurement Hub?

The East of England Procurement Hub is an on-line source of valuable information which can help public sector colleagues across our region improve the quality and efficiency of their procurement processes.

How can it help me?

The Procurement Hub has a searchable list of national and regional framework contracts which can be used by public sector organisations. Use of these contracts can avoid the need for conducting your own separate procurement process and they typically offer lower costs and better value.

A unique and distinctive feature of the East of England Procurement Hub will be that it offers the ability to rate and review particular contracts. This may help you with your supplier selection process if you are looking to procure similar goods and services.

It will also give users access to a set of standard procurement documentation, as well as links to information about training, events and good practice.

Who can use the Procurement Hub?

The Procurement Hub can be used by anyone. Procurement officers, budget holders and colleagues in organisations where there is little or no procurement support available in-house may find it especially useful.

How do I sign up?

Registering to use the Procurement Hub is free.

Fill in the simple registration form at www.improvementeast.gov.uk/procurementhub/ – this will only take a couple of minutes. Your application should be approved within a matter of hours and you will be ready to start searching for contracts and making those savings straight away.

Who administers the Procurement Hub?

The Procurement Hub is administered by Improvement East. We work in partnership with other RIEP colleagues, public buying organisations such as Buying Solutions and the Office of Government Commerce (OGC), in order to keep the Hub as up-to-date as possible at all times.

Success stories

The establishment of a similar Hub in the West Midlands facilitated by the West Midlands RIEP (WMRIEP) is estimated to have generated savings for partner authorities of almost £10.7million during 2007/9.

“ I use the WMRIEP procurement hub as my first port of call for available framework contracts, as it's quick and easy to access the information I need. As a result, I am currently making great savings from procuring road sweepers, refuse collection vehicles, MFDs and printers and electricity for my authority.”

*Procurement Services
Manager, Worcester
City Council*

“ Initiating or publicising regional framework agreements has helped the smaller Councils aggregate spends through gaining access to deals that would normally be unobtainable... contracts such as the Neutral Vendor Agency agreement have saved the Council circ £40k over the past 12 months.”

*Strategic Procurement
Manager, Nuneaton and
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