

ETendersNI

New online tendering system

A new, improved, online tender system for public sector contracts has been launched by Central Procurement Directorate (CPD) – and anyone who tenders for government procurement opportunities in Northern Ireland, or wants to in the future, must register on eTendersNI.

Northern Regional College as part of central government departments, agencies and arm's length bodies will use the new portal via CPD. Tenders will no longer be advertised in the Belfast Telegraph or on the College website. Suppliers must register on eTendersNI in order to avail of upcoming NRC tender opportunities.

The new system makes it easier for companies to submit online tenders for government contracts and will reduce the length of tender documents businesses need to complete. Suppliers no longer have to answer the same core questions each time they complete a tender document. They can now answer the questions once, by completing a supplier profile certificate online, which will be retained on eTendersNI.

Businesses can also be kept up to date on new tender opportunities, relevant to them, by registering for e-mail alerts.

Registration on eTendersNI is now open. By registering now, you will get alerts in areas of interest as opportunities start to come online.

The registration process requires suppliers to use their Dun & Bradstreet number, which is a unique nine digit code to identify a business, to ensure that each organisation is only registered on the system once. During registration suppliers can use the D&B Query tool to obtain their D-U-N-S number. If your organisation does not currently have a number you can request one from www.dnb.co.uk/forms/new_duns.

Interactive Supplier Help Guides are available from the eTendersNI home page (<https://etendersni.gov.uk/>) to help users navigate the new portal, and these include guides on registration. A telephone help line is also available.