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Dear Supplier,

We are writing to inform you of the new Procurement Act 2023, which is a significant piece of legislation that will change how the Council procures works, goods and services; some of its advantages are as follows:

- **Developing a flexible commercial framework that satisfies UK needs whilst maintaining compliance with our international obligations.**
- **Encouraging small businesses and social enterprises to compete and win more public contracts.**
- **Tougher action against poor-performing suppliers and removing those who represent unacceptable risks**
- **Ensuring transparency throughout the commercial lifecycle allowing for scrutiny of taxpayer investment**

If you are a current Supplier or wish to supply to our organisation, you must understand how these changes will now affect you since the Procurement Act 2024 went live on **24 February 2025**.

The Act offers new features that will greatly simplify doing business with the Council and other Public Sector Contracting Authorities which will be advantageous to suppliers, these features include:

- **A Central Digital Platform for Suppliers to register, save details, browse tendering opportunities and submit bids.**
- **Improved bidding processes and engagement with the Public Sector, including a new "Competitive Flexible Procedure".**
- **Framework Agreements will have the flexibility to allow Suppliers to join during the framework's lifetime.**
- **A requirement for Contracting Authorities to consider the specific barriers facing SMEs & VCSEs and to explore solutions to overcome these throughout the procurement lifecycle, helping level the playing field for smaller businesses to compete for contracts.**

- **Improved prompt payment provisions for SMEs, allowing 30-day payment terms across the supply chain.**
- **A strengthened exclusions structure that will take harder action on underperforming suppliers.**

These changes will drive innovation, improve outcomes and incorporate transparency across the commercial lifecycle, allowing anybody to access procurement data and monitor how public funds are spent.

Suppliers should click on the following links:

1. Familiarise yourself with the Procurement Act 2023
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2023/54/contents/enacted> and register for regular updates.
2. You may wish to watch the 'Supplier Knowledge Drop' videos on the Transforming Public Procurement landing page:
[The Official Transforming Public Procurement Knowledge Drops - GOV.UK](#)
3. If you are an existing supplier, liaise with your Council representative who can discuss the changes with you or contact the Procurement & Contracts Team: debra.beckles@north-norfolk.gov.uk
4. The guidance for completing your registration on the Central Digital Platform can be found at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/procurement-act-2023-short-guides/suppliers-how-to-register-your-organisation-and-first-administrator-on-find-a-tender-in-three-easy-steps-html>
5. The link for access to the Central Digital Platform can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/find-tender>

If you have questions regarding the content of this letter, or need any additional support, please email debra.beckles@north-norfolk.gov.uk

Regards

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