



# UK1: the new Pipeline Notice

## A guide for buyers and suppliers

The Procurement Act 2023 provides a more flexible commercial system and embeds greater transparency throughout the lifecycle - **this will help open up public procurement to new entrants such as small businesses and social enterprises.**

**Pipelines are live from 1st April 2025**

Publishing a forward-looking pipeline of public contract opportunities is one of the main ways a public body can set out its commercial agenda for the future, energising and exciting its supply base ahead of pre-market engagement for each contract.

It can be used as a tool to reach out to new potential market providers, or to prompt discussion around new or innovative approaches. Promoted through social media or stakeholder channels it will help raise awareness of forthcoming procurements, ensuring a competitive and diverse market. Crucially, pipelines are also of particular benefit to SMEs and VCSEs, providing them with time to plan for future work and collaborate with partners on delivery solutions.

### Introducing UK1 - the Pipeline notice

The screenshot shows the 'UK1: Pipeline notice' form on the GOV.UK 'Find a Tender' page. The page header includes the GOV.UK logo, 'Find a Tender', and language options (English | Cymraeg). Navigation links for 'Search', 'My notices', 'My account', and 'Sign out' are present. A 'BETA' notice and a link to 'Contact the Find a Tender team' are also visible. The breadcrumb trail is 'Home > My notices > Create notice > UK1: Pipeline notice'. The form title is 'UK1: Pipeline notice'. It contains several sections: 'Contracting authority' with a search field and a list of links (Notice linking, Contracting authorities, Contracting authority, Procedure, Scope, Participation, Submission, Summary); 'Contracting authority name' with a text input field; and 'Identification register' with a dropdown menu for 'Public Procurement Organisation Number'.

## For Buyers:

Large contracting authorities (with a spend above £100m p.a.) are required to publish a pipeline notice for each opportunity in the next 18 months with an estimated value of more than £2 million.

Contracting authorities will have 56 days from 1st April to meet compliance (ie by 26th May 2025) by publishing their notices on the new central digital platform (Find a Tender service). Thereafter they must update the notice at least annually.

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### What is a pipeline?

A pipeline notice is a notice setting out specific information about any public contract with an estimated value of more than £2 million (inclusive of VAT and options).

The collection of these individual pipeline notices (each about a unique procurement) will make up a contracting authority's procurement pipeline over the upcoming 18 months.

There may be occasions when contracting authorities need to amend or republish a procurement published in a pipeline - procurement teams are encouraged to keep this information up to date in order to make sure prospective suppliers have information they need.

**Future Plans:** There will be more functionality in the system which will allow an aggregated view of individual/ location and sector based pipelines - this will come later this year.

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### Can I publish pipeline notices voluntarily?

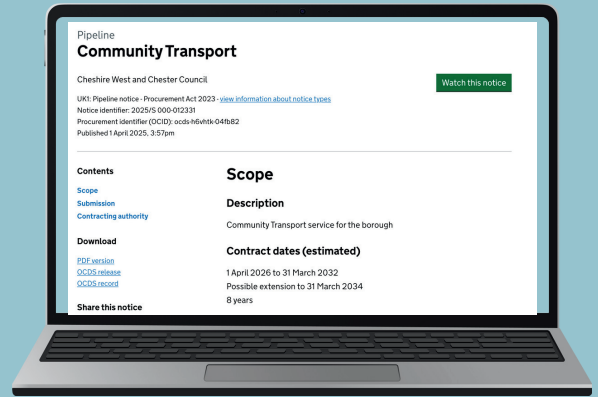
Yes, contracting authorities are encouraged to go further than what is required by the Act by, for example, including in their pipeline notice contracts below £2 million where the contracting authority is intending to advertise the opportunity as this can be particularly beneficial to SMEs.

Contracting authorities who are uncertain as to whether the £100 million annual spend will be reached in a given financial year are also encouraged to publish a pipeline notice.

Additionally, contracting authorities who do not need to publish pipeline notices as per the legislation may also publish them voluntarily.

## Information required

- Contracting authority information
- Title of the procurement
- Procurement reference
- Contract subject-matter
- Estimated date when the notice will be published
- Optional information such as contract value and sourcing method



## For Suppliers:

The Pipeline Notice allows you to see what procurement teams are planning now. To search for a notice, visit [Find a Tender](#) and using the left hand menu:

- Select 'UK1 Pipeline notice' under 'Notice type'
- De-select 'Other notice types'
- Enter date range [NB - please specify from 1 April 2025]
- You can also search by CPV Code (e.g. tech services)...
- ..and for opportunities which are particularly suitable for SMEs

**Notice type**

[What are the different notice types?](#)

**Procurement Act 2023**

[Select all](#) [Deselect all](#)

- UK1: Pipeline notice
- UK2: Preliminary market engagement notice
- UK3: Planned procurement notice
- UK4: Tender notice
- UK5: Transparency notice

**Date range**

**Publication date**

From

For example, 11 03 2025

Day: 01, Month: 04, Year: 2025

To

Day: , Month: , Year:

[Closing date](#)

**Notice type**

**Industry CPV code**

The common procurement vocabulary (CPV) is used to classify contracts in a standardised way

[Browse CPV codes](#)

**Value**

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**Other notice types**

[Select all](#) [Deselect all](#)

- F01: Prior information notice
- F02: Contract notice
- F03: Contract award notice

**Suitability**

**Definitions**

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

**CPV code filter**

Search by keyword

Quick CPV code search

- 65000000: Public utilities
- 66000000: Financial and insurance services
- 70000000: Real estate services
- 71000000: Architectural, construction, engineering and inspection services
- 72000000: IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support
- 73000000: Research and development services and related consultancy services

**CPV code(s) selected**

72000000: IT services: consulting, software development, Internet and support [Remove](#)

[Add CPV code\(s\) to filter](#) [Cancel](#)