

PAN3083 E-Tendering Solution Market Test - Clarification Log

Please note this is a final response as the deadline for clarifications has now expired.

	Query	Response
1	Supplier Relationship Management Requirement- can you please clarify the key elements of functionality you would expect to be included with this requirement?	At this stage, we would like to see what the market has to offer rather than providing a specific list of requirements.
2	Framework/DPS/Dynamic Market Requirement- 'in the number of members who require this' column, n/a has been input- is the number of members requiring access not yet known?	This was not included in the members survey, however, has been highlighted as a requirement subsequently, prior to the issue of the market test. Members would like to be able to create their own Framework/DPS/Dynamic Market, with the option to open these up to other 3rd parties to access for running further competitions. Likely to be required by all, to a larger extent by ESPO (including 3rd party access).
3	Framework/DPS/Dynamic Market Requirement- would the 3 rd parties requiring access be from outside the membership? How many individuals would this cover? Would they require access to create new DPS', or just to run competitions off them?	This is to mean accessing the established Framework/ DPS/Dynamic Market after it has been first created by one of members, so that other 3rd parties can run competitions off these (this could be by other members of the Group, or other relevant organisations outside of the Group including potentially nationally e.g., other nationally based public sector buyers). Exact number of external users not known. This is particularly important for ESPO who would like to allow its customers such access. To learn more about ESPO, please see https://www.espo.org/about-us

		This could also include instances where Members are carrying out procurement on behalf of others, e.g. local District and Borough Councils.
4	Framework/DPS/Dynamic Market Requirement- what is your current workflow for this process?	It is not possible to specify one workflow as these are customized by members to suit their requirements, e.g. in addition to relevant notices, advertisements and competition tenderbox, there might be activities included to meet Member authority's internal governance and processes.
5	Framework/DPS/Dynamic Market Requirement- ESPO framework/DPS Hosting- who would the nationally based users be? Is the intention to open this up to all buying authorities in the UK?	ESPO would like to explore this option. See item 3 above.
6	Pipeline Planning Requirement- please elaborate and/or provide examples of what functionality you would expect to be included with this requirement	There is no set expectation or defined requirement yet. Maintaining and publishing a pipeline is a relatively new requirement introduced by PPN05/21 and mandated under the Procurement Act 2023. Members would like to explore what suppliers can offer in that respect.
7	Enhanced Reporting Requirement- please elaborate and/or provide examples of what functionality you would expect to be included with this requirement.	At this stage, we would like to see what the market has to offer rather than providing a specific list of requirements. Examples could include generic reports such a: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open tenders • Awarded tenders • User workload report • Submission reports

		We would also like to be able to create custom reports, ideally using a user-friendly GUI which does not require an advanced knowledge of report programming code.
8	Resource Planning Requirement- please elaborate and/or provide examples of what functionality you would expect to be included with this requirement	At this stage, we would like to see what the market has to offer rather than providing a specific list of requirements.
9	Individual members within the group requesting new developments to meet their individual business needs- As an off the shelf solutions any development or updates benefit all system users. To create a bespoke instance of the system for the group, and then further development for individual members may not be feasible. Do you have any examples of what has been required in the past and or what could potentially arise.	This will depend on what the solution includes as standard. Any additional modules may be required by some but not all members. Examples could include: integration with finance system or enhanced functionality around framework agreements.

End of document. Clarification window has now closed.