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News

Welsh National Procurement Awards 2015 Get Your Nominations In

The Welsh National Procurement Awards 2015 are just around the corner. This year there are 10 awards available, but you only have until Friday 6th February 2015 to [submit your nomination](#).

At the 2014 Awards, Opinion Research Services (ORS) scooped the Most Improved Supplier in Tendering Award and Rhondda Cynon Taf County Council took home the Procurement of Innovation Award. Find out what winning the award meant to them and [watch our short video](#).

Winner of the Most Improved Supplier in Tendering Award 2014

"Winning the award in 2014 was recognition of the efforts not only of the tendering team, but more importantly the wider research team whose efforts in delivering high quality and innovative research enables us to put forward such strong bids to our public sector clients. Since winning the award we have continued to grow as an organisation – recruiting new staff and increasing turnover as well as offering an even broader range of products and services to an ever growing portfolio of clients."

Jackie Boarer, Head of Business Development (Opinion Research Services)

Winner of the Procurement of Innovation Award 2014

"It was a great sense of achievement winning the award, the project team worked hard to ensure we had the best outcome for the service users. Since winning the award several other local authorities have contacted us for information, sharing documents and ideas to ensure best practice can be replicated in other areas. It's important for people to nominate to support the Welsh National Procurement Awards, ensure healthy competition for the award categories and recognise and reward outstanding work in Public Procurement."

*Gemma Ellis, Procurement Category Manager – People and Staff Services
(Rhondda Cynon Taf County Council)*

Next week find out more from the 2014 winner's of the Procurement or Tendering Collaboration Award and Community Benefits Award.

Procurement Week : Book Your Place Now

Last year's Procurement Week was the biggest and best it's ever been, with just under 650 participants spread across the week, 51 international speakers and 21 Countries being represented. This year promises to be even better, with world class speakers Professor Steven Schooner of George Washington University in the USA and Frank Brunetta from the Procurement Ombudsman of Canada already lined up.

The 2015 Procurement Week will be running from 16th – 20th March 2015 at St. David's Hotel, Cardiff, with a range of different subjects that will whet every appetite. Better still, the event programme is, yet again, free, but you will need to register your place via the [Procurement Week](#) website.

We will keep you updated of key developments within the week as the programme becomes finalised. In the meantime, check out the [website](#) for more information.

Competition and Markets Authority Consultation

The Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) is consulting on its Annual Plan for 2015/16, which sets out its plans and priorities for the coming year. The CMA's priorities for 2015/16 include:-

- Focusing on Consumers
- Strategic Assessment
- Enforcement
- Competition enforcement
- Cartel enforcement
- Consumer protection
- Compliance

The consultation can be accessed via the [Gov.UK](#) website, and deadline for responses is 23rd January 2015 at 17:00hrs.

If you wish to respond, you can either do so by emailing directly to [CMA](#), or through [Value Wales Mailbox](#). If you decide to respond to CMA directly, we would appreciate it if you could also copy in the VW mailbox.

If you have any queries regarding the consultation, please contact [Simon Harris](#) at CMA on 07776 476 431.

Procurement Best Practice Academy Celebrates First Year

On Monday 12th January 2014, the Procurement Best Practice Academy celebrated its first year with a special event that included the Minister for Finance and Business Government, Jane Hutt and His Excellency Mr Mal Berisha, Albanian Ambassador to the UK.

The Academy was launched in November 2013 as a dedicated centre for working in partnership with procurement professionals and the academic community. Together they aim to identify, develop and disseminate best practice in all aspects of procurement and supply chain management within all sectors of our economy.

You can find out more about the Academy, the event and the latest Fellows to join the Academy at the [University of South Wales](#) website.

Supplier Qualification Information Database (SQuID) Training Aberystwyth

We are pleased to announce that we have received enough interest to put on additional training for SQuID in Aberystwyth.

The Supplier Qualification Information Database (SQuID) that has been developed over the last few years to make the procurement process for you and suppliers quicker and simpler. The first phase of delivering SQuID online on Sell2Wales has been completed.

You do not have to have any experience of SQuID to attend; all public sector buyers are encouraged to attend these sessions. It will also be of benefit to those using eTenderwales, other eTendering platforms and the Sell2Wales portal.

[Currently, eTenderwales users, have the functionality of the Squizard available on the eTenderwales platform. **eTenderwales users should note that the Squizard spreadsheet will be removed from the templates within eTenderwales early in 2015.** This is because the functionality to complete the Squizard on the Sell2Wales portal with the option to export the SQuID question set into eTenderwales is already available].

There will be two half day sessions on Friday, 30th January 2015 at Ceredigion Council Offices, Aberystwyth (next door to the Welsh Government Building):

Morning: 10:00 – 12:30 (Registration and refreshments from 9:30)
Afternoon: 13:30 – 16:00 (Registration from 13:00 with refreshment break included)

If you would like to attend, please email [Ian Maxwell](#) with your preference (morning, afternoon or either) and we will try to accommodate you. Joining instructions will be provided closer to the time.

If you have already received an email and had a space confirmed, there is no need to respond to this article.

Please circulate to anyone else you know that may have an interest in SQuID training.

News Carried Over

Joint Sustainability Risk Assessment (SRA) and Community Benefits Awareness Sessions

To promote recent changes to both the Sustainability Risk Assessment (SRA) templates for Goods / Products and Services and the 2014 update of the Community Benefits guidance, the following sessions have been scheduled for Spring 2015.

5th February 2015

Sustainability Risk Assessment (SRA)

Morning session 10:00 – 12:30 Welsh Government Offices

Community Benefits 2014 update

Afternoon session 13:30 – 15:30 Llandudno Junction

5th March 2015

Sustainability Risk Assessment (SRA)

Morning session 10:00 – 12:30 Welsh Government Offices

Community Benefits 2014 update

Afternoon session 13:30 – 15:30 Merthyr Tydfil

Who should attend?

- Heads of Procurement/Senior Procurement Officers with a strategic role
- Anyone with a role or interest in the design or planning of contracts for goods / products or services

Job Vacancies

Procurement Category Manager Rhondda Cynon Taf CBC

Procurement Category Manager (ref 921)
Permanent 37 hours
Annual Salary: £38,405
Location: Bronwydd House, Porth, CF39 9DL

One of the largest local authorities in Wales is seeking to appoint a permanent Category Manager to join the Operational/Strategic Procurement team in Rhondda Cynon Taf. The role is responsible for developing, implementing and delivering a Procurement Category Management strategy for a number of Construction Frameworks and reports directly to the Head of Operational Procurement. The post holder will initially be required to procure and manage two major collaborative Construction Frameworks that are highly valued by South East Wales and other authorities and the wider Welsh Public sector.

The prime initial focus of the role of Procurement Category Manager – Construction Frameworks is on developing and managing these two frameworks (with the Schools and public Building Generation 2 framework due to be retendered in 2014/15) and there is also some involvement with other related duties ongoing with other construction contracts.

You must have a good background in stakeholder managements, contract tendering, contract management as well as strategy development and implementation. Any experience in the procurement of construction engineering and facilities contracts will be advantageous. The role will include managing all aspects of the tendering and contractual processes, managing a small team and substantial liaison with stakeholders across the wider public sector. The role has both procurement and construction aspects and involves working closely with the Service Director for Procurement to deliver these important and prestigious framework arrangements.

Applicants should note that there are currently four Procurement Category Manager posts, and that the roles are interchangeable, and that the successful applicant may be required to manage a different Procurement Category when required.

To discuss the role please contact Vince Hanly, Service Director for Procurement on (01443) 680538 or Steve Lock, Head of Operational Procurement on (01443) 680 539.

Interviews are scheduled to take place on 9th February 2015.



Rhondda Cynon Taf Council encourage electronic applications. For further information please log on to their '[Jobs at the Council](#)' page, or contact the Recruitment and Advertising Team on (01443) 425 005.

The deadline for receipt of applications is midday on 27th January 2015.

Rhondda Cynon Taf Council is striving towards Equality of Opportunity. Applicants are welcomed from all sections of the community. They operate a Job Share policy and a recognised Welsh Language Scheme.

Category Manager – IM&T NHS Wales Shared Services – Procurement Services

Category Manager – Information Management & Technology
Permanent: 37.5 hours
Salary: £25,783 to £34,530 per annum
Location: Bocam Park, Pencoed, Bridgend

NWSSP - Procurement Services are responsible for the full Procure to Pay process for all HB/Trusts in NHS Wales. One of the key elements within NHS Wales Procurement Service is the provision of a Sourcing and Contracting service.

This particular role will be focussed on providing procurement support to the NHS Wales Informatics Service and to support the development of Category Management within IM&T. Knowledge of either/both these elements would be desirable. An ability to work under your own initiative, often in complex and diverse procurements, is an essential requirement.

This is an excellent opportunity to develop your procurement career in a dynamic, challenging and high profile environment. In addition to the criteria outlined in the specification, you should demonstrate how you apply commercial acumen and utilise skills to deliver in the complex changing environment throughout NHS Wales.

A resilient personality and track record of delivering creative and innovative solutions are required for success in this role.

The ability to speak Welsh is desirable.

If you feel you have the right qualities then please email [Christine Thorne](#), or contact her on 02920 503 438.

Applications and further details can be found on the [NHS Jobs website](#).
Job Reference: 120-AC859-0115

Deadline for receipt of applications: 30th January 2015.

If you have any technical issues regarding this bulletin, then please send an email to [Kev Griffin](#) or call him on 029 2082 5665.