

CSW - JETS

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Joint E-Tendering System



What happened before?

Historically Coventry City Council (CCC) used the Proactis e-tendering system. Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) did not use an e-tendering system. Warwickshire County Council (WCC) used the In-Tend e-tendering system. Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) and Rugby Borough Council (RBC) used BIP Delta. Solihull Community Housing (SCH) did not use an e-tendering system.

What happens now?

A collaborative contract was created with In-Tend to form CSW JETS (Coventry, Solihull, Warwickshire Joint e-Tendering System). This allows all of the authorities access to the same e-tendering portal. The system went live in February 2013.

Benefits

Savings

The shared portal lowered annual support costs for the main three authorities (CCC, SMBC, WCC) to less than the average cost of a single Council, whilst delivering greater functionality. All authorities were able to save on implementation costs by sharing the cost of having a single, shared portal built. Support charges for the partner organisations (district councils and SCH) were significantly lower than the price they would have received for maintaining their own systems. They also received low set up costs as the portal and database had already been built for the sub-region by the three main authorities.

Local Authority Benefits

Contract Management is improved as contract information can be stored and updated on the system over the course of the contract life e.g. KPIs, contract variations etc. The system also allows for online evaluation which will save time, allowing procurement officers to focus on more added value activities. Also, having all contracts in a single system will make it easier to find collaborative opportunities and align contracts.

Supplier Benefits

Suppliers need only register once to view opportunities from all of the participating authorities. It will be easier for local suppliers to be alerted to opportunities that they otherwise may not have been aware of.

Further Collaboration

Other authorities in the sub-region have now joined the system. North Warwickshire District Council, Warwick District Council and Stratford District Council have now also joined.



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