

Tender Abbreviation Library

AOC - Awarding Official's Certificate: A document confirming the decision made by the awarding authority regarding the tender.

AWP - Annual Work Plan: A document detailing the planned procurement activities for the year.

BVP - Best Value Procurement: An approach that considers factors beyond price, such as quality and sustainability, in awarding contracts.

CPC - Common Procurement Vocabulary: A standardized set of terms and definitions used to describe procurement activities and contracts.

CPD - Contract Performance Directive: Guidelines for the performance expectations and measurements of a contract.

CTM - Contract Tender Management: The process of managing the tendering activities within an organization.

DPS - Dynamic Purchasing System: An electronic system used for purchasing common goods or services that allows for new suppliers to join at any time.

DOA - Delegation of Authority: A document or policy that specifies the levels of authority within an organization for making procurement decisions.

EOI - Expression of Interest: A preliminary step in the procurement process where potential suppliers express interest in bidding for a contract.

EUPL - European Union Procurement Legislation: The set of laws and regulations governing public procurement in the European Union, applicable in the UK until Brexit, and still relevant for certain transitional arrangements and contexts.

FWC - Framework Contract: An agreement with suppliers to establish the terms governing contracts to be awarded during a given period.

G-Cloud - Government Cloud Computing: A UK government initiative aimed at easing procurement by public sector bodies in departments of the UK Government of commodity IT services that use cloud computing.

ITT - Invitation to Tender: A formal invitation to make an offer for the supply of goods and services.

OJEU - Official Journal of the European Union: The publication in which all tenders from the public sector that are valued above a certain financial threshold must be published. Still relevant for certain transitional arrangements post-Brexit.

PQQ - Pre-Qualification Questionnaire: A document issued by the buyer to potential suppliers to assess their suitability before inviting them to bid.

PCR - Public Contracts Regulations: The regulations governing public procurement in the UK.

PIN - Prior Information Notice: A notice published by contracting authorities to inform suppliers of their procurement plans and forthcoming tenders.

QO - Qualification Objective: The criteria against which potential suppliers are assessed during the pre-qualification stage.

RFI - Request for Information: A preliminary step in the procurement process used to gather information from suppliers.

RFP - Request for Proposal: A document that solicits proposal, often made through a bidding process, by an agency or company interested in procurement of a commodity, service, or valuable asset.

RFQ - Request for Quotation: A process in which a company asks selected suppliers to submit price quotes and bid on specific products or services.

SQ - Selection Questionnaire: A document used to assess the qualifications of potential suppliers. It is the new term for the PQQ (Pre-Qualification Questionnaire) in some contexts.

SSQ - Standard Selection Questionnaire: A standardized form used across the UK government for the pre-selection of suppliers.

TED - Tenders Electronic Daily: The online version of the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU), where all high-value public sector tenders across the EU must be published. Still used for certain notices and as a reference for best practices in procurement.

VFM - Value for Money: An evaluation criterion that ensures the best use of public funds in terms of efficiency, effectiveness, and economy.