# **Goods and Services Procurement Strategy**

The Association is required to abide by the terms of European Procurement Law and The Public Contracts (Scotland) Regulations and must appropriately advertise procurement of works, goods and services, including the appointment of consultants and contractors if the values of the procurement exceed the undernoted thresholds:

### **Current OJEU threshold values are:**

(a) Works £4,551,413 (€5,548,000)
(b) Services £181,302 (€221,000)

### **Current PCS regulated procurement threshold values are:**

(a) Works £2,000,000 (b) Goods & Services £50,000

### **Contract Opportunities for Goods and Services**

For goods or services valued under £1,000, a pricing agreement should be reached prior to purchasing.

For goods and services and valued between £1,000 and up to £5,000 we will use established frameworks where possible. If no suitable framework exists, we will seek a minimum of 3 quotes. Normally we will use the Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) Quick Quote facility. However, and depending on circumstances verbal or written quotes could also be accepted.

You can register as a potential supplier on the **Public Contract Scotland website** and once registered, you will receive notifications of suitable contract opportunities for your area of interest.

For contract opportunities for supplies and services valued between £5,000 - £50,000 an established framework will be used where possible. Where these are not available, the opportunity will be advertised through the PCS website via Closed Open or Restricted Tender (Quick Quote may be used dependent on risk).

For contract values for supplies and services over £50,000, and under the EU threshold (see below) we will use established frameworks where possible. If no suitable framework exists, the opportunity will be advertised through the PCS website via Closed Open or Restricted Tender.

## **Contract opportunities for Works**

### For contract values under £50,000

The Association will use established frameworks where possible. If no suitable framework exists, we will use the Public Contracts Scotland (PCS) Quick Quote facility for these contract values.

#### For contract values between £50,000 - £2,000,000

The Association will use established frameworks where possible. If no suitable framework exists, the opportunity will be advertised through the PCS website via Closed Open or Restricted Tender.

#### **Contracts above EU Thresholds**

For contract values over the EU thresholds for goods, services and works, we will use established frameworks where possible. Where no suitable contract exists, we will advertise the contract opportunity on the PCS website and the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).

You can find guidance and explanations regarding the above terms and the EU Threshold values on the Scottish Government's pages about **Public Sector Procurement**.