

# HS2

# Transforming Public Procurement: New Regulations

Supplier Information Pack 2025



# Procurement Act 2023

To support preparation for the Procurement Act 2023, which goes live in February 2025, HS2 Ltd is publishing a high-level summary of changes and links to third party guidance.

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## In this brochure you will find:

- Information on the new Public Procurement Act 2023, which takes effect from 24 February 2025.
- A summary of key changes.
- An overview of how the changes will affect current and future contracts.
- The action you need to take as a supplier and where to find additional information.

## How does HS2 Ltd procure contracts?

When procuring contracts above specified value thresholds, HS2 Ltd must comply with certain statutory obligations. Prior to 24 February 2025, such obligations were contained in the Utilities Contract Regulations 2016 ('UCR'). However, when procuring any new contracts on or after 24 February 2025, HS2 Ltd will be required to instead comply with obligations under the Procurement Act 2023 ('Act').

HS2 Ltd has been established by the Department for Transport specifically to deliver the provision of the first new intercity railway for public use to be built north of London in over a century, safely and on time, while ensuring value for money for the taxpayer. While HS2 Ltd works to deliver the provision of such transport infrastructure, our contracts are categorised as utilities contracts under the Act, as they will be used wholly or mainly for the provision or operation of the new high-speed network.

## What is the aim of the new Procurement Act?

The aim of the new Act is to make procurement quicker, simpler and more transparent while remaining compliant with international obligations. The Act encourages a focus on value for money.

In addition, it is designed to more effectively open-up public procurement to new entrants such as small businesses and social enterprises so that they can compete for and win more public contracts.

Finally, it aims to strengthen the approach to excluding suppliers where there is evidence of poor performance or certain categories of misconduct, and introduces a new debarment list.

## How do I access HS2 opportunities?

HS2 contract opportunities including notices will still be advertised on the platforms below.



### [Find a Tender Service](#)

The Cabinet Office's Central Digital Platform where all notices will be published.



### [HS2 e-sourcing](#)

Our e-sourcing portal where we publish, receive and manage all of our tender opportunities.



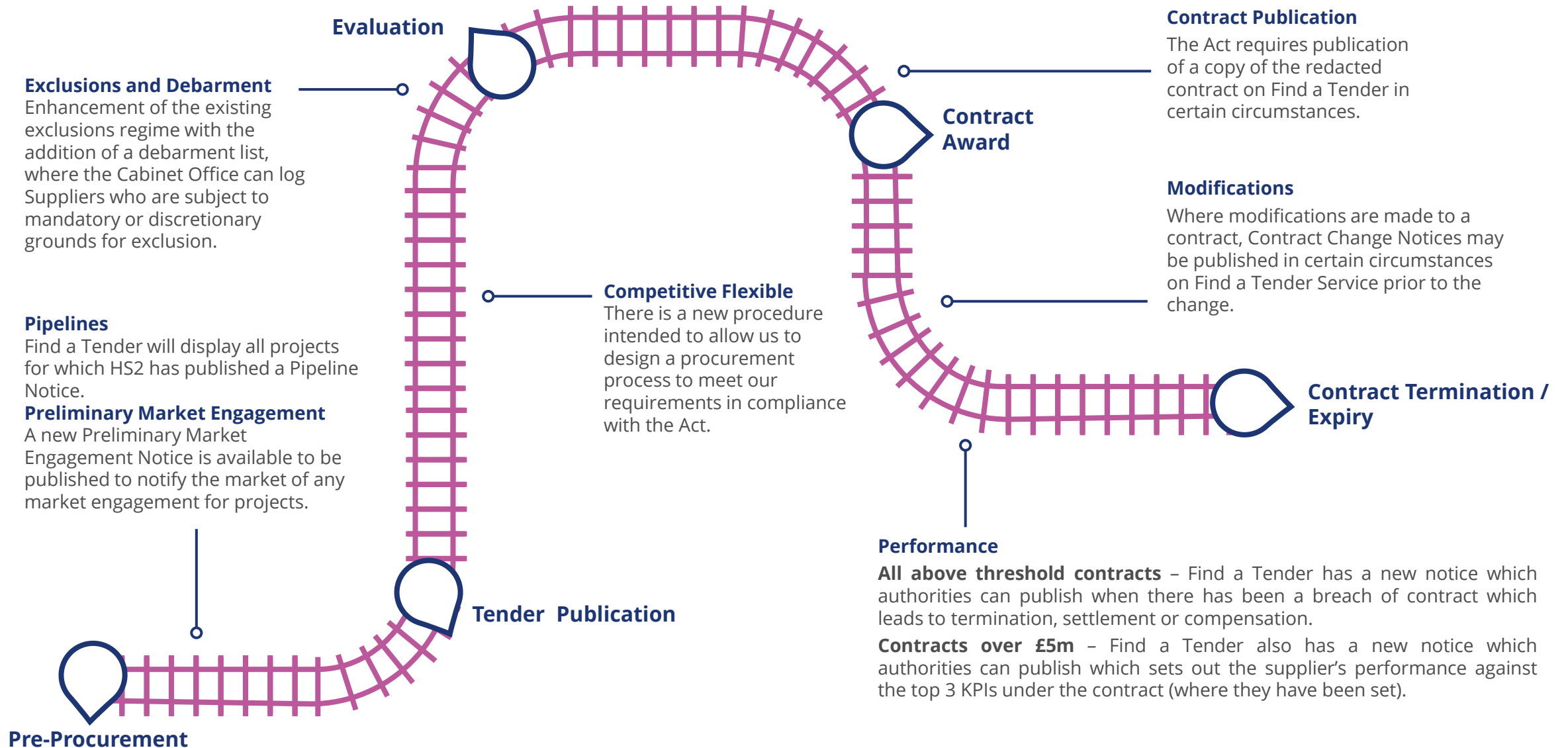
### [Compete For](#)

Used for indirect supply chain opportunities.

In addition to the procurement specific notices, in line with the Act Find a Tender will start to show HS2 Ltd's pipeline notices. This will be a new function which will show our planned pipeline of open market tenders (contract opportunities) with an estimated value of more than £2m.

For more information, visit our website [www.hs2.org.uk/supply-chain](http://www.hs2.org.uk/supply-chain).

# Some key changes on the tender journey





# Transitional arrangements

This section summarises how different scenarios / contracts will be affected by the new regime. This is indicative only and may vary depending on the circumstances of the specific contract.

**Action: Ensure you understand how your current contracts / opportunities will be affected by the changes.**

## **Existing contracts**

If you have an existing contract with HS2 Ltd then this will continue to be managed under the previous regulations. When we are modifying a contract, we will still need to adhere to the restrictions in the previous regulations.

## **New opportunity advertised before go-live**

Where we have issued a Contract Notice under the previous regulations, these procurements and the subsequent contracts which are awarded will be governed by the previous regulations.

## **Call-offs from existing frameworks (HS2 Ltd, Crown Commercial Service (CCS) or other)**

If you are on a framework which was advertised before go-live, these frameworks will continue to be governed by the previous regulations until their expiry. This means that any call-offs from those frameworks will be governed by the previous regulations and won't need to adhere to rules under the new Act.

## **New opportunity advertised after go-live**

For new procurements after go-live we will issue a Tender Notice or Transparency Notice as required under the Act. These procurements, and the contracts awarded under them will be governed by the new Procurement Act.

# Key supplier actions

## Register for the Central Digital Platform

The onboarding process has been communicated through the Cabinet Office Supplier Guidance page in the links. This is the system where you will need to register your details to access opportunities. Encourage your suppliers to register to speed up information transfer in procurements.

## Understand the Procurement Act

Use the Cabinet Office Supplier Guidance and the Transforming Public Procurement newsletter to stay up to date with progress of the Procurement Act. Ensure you and your employees are aware of these changes and how this might affect procurements following go-live.

## Understand effect on contract tenders

Use this guide to understand how your current contracts, current tenders or future tenders will be affected by the changes. Use HS2 Ltd's contract opportunities section on our supply chain website to keep updated on future opportunities.

# Key links for suppliers



## [Cabinet Office supplier guidance](#)

Key supplier information on the Act including; how Central Digital Platform onboarding will work, video guides and SME definition guidance.



## [Find a Tender Service](#)

To register for the central digital platform.



## [HS2 supply chain website](#)

To access the latest documents and updates on our procurements and supply chain, including access to our direct and indirect opportunities.



## [HS2 Supplier Guide and FAQs](#)

Our guide on what is important to us and how to become a HS2 supplier.



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## Get in Touch

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## Welcoming Suppliers

Sign up to our supply chain [bulletin](#) for news and updates

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