

QUICK GUIDE TO TENDERING SPEND OF ANY SIZE FOR OUTSTANDING RESULTS

EYSTONE DCUREMENT	Design	Plan	Source	Review	Award
Consider	What is the desired outcome? Does the purchase support strategic goals? What are the risks of getting the decision wrong? What is the budget?	Consider the resources needed to support the process from one person to a team Develop a plan and a realistic timeline to complete all activities needed based on value of the purchase	Are you best placed to judge who can deliver the best result for the business? What suppliers (including conventional options) might be able to meet requirements?	Consider objective tender scoring criteria? Consider whether a negotiation phase with one or more suppliers needed Consider whether presentations are needed	Consider any contractual & negotiation requirements Consider terms & risk management requirements
Do	Determine the value / cost of making the decision and set aside time to make right decision Agree a level of administrative rigour and discipline that is appropriate for the budget Map out the process to be used from a call around to formal process with tenders & presentations	Identify resource(s) needed to run process Identify key tasks and determine realistic timeline appropriate to the purchasing decision Capture key details relating to the process in a fit for purpose plan Kick-off the tendering process	Identify suppliers capable of providing goods / services being sought Confirm interest in participating in a tender Develop fit for purpose tender documentation including business requirements and/or a problem description Issue documents to participating companies & answer questions as needed	Ensure there is a standard scoring mechanism for bids (price only, price + other criteria etc.) Circulate responses to team for review or delegate review and arrange presentation on review outcomes by nominated team member Arrange presentations from shortlisted suppliers if needed	Inform supplier(s) of outcome and where relevant any next steps If a contract is required to cover deal, draw it up on tenderer's terms where possible Agree dispute mechanisms, delivery timelines, contract duration and any final pricing and quality considerations Conclude process by informing unsuccessful participants
Get	Clarity on your reason for buying Alignment of decision to business strategy Process to deliver successful outcome	Appropriate level of resourcing Clear plan to achieve tender objectives	Potential participants in process (including contingency options) Problem / requirements description & tender documentation issued	Clear scoring system that supports selection of best bid(s) A report leading to a decision on best supplier(s) Select supplier(s)	Agreed contract / deal with agreed terms and strong risk management mechanisms to govern delivery and supplier relationship