



Tionól Réigiúnach an Deiscirt
Southern Regional Assembly

Public Procurement

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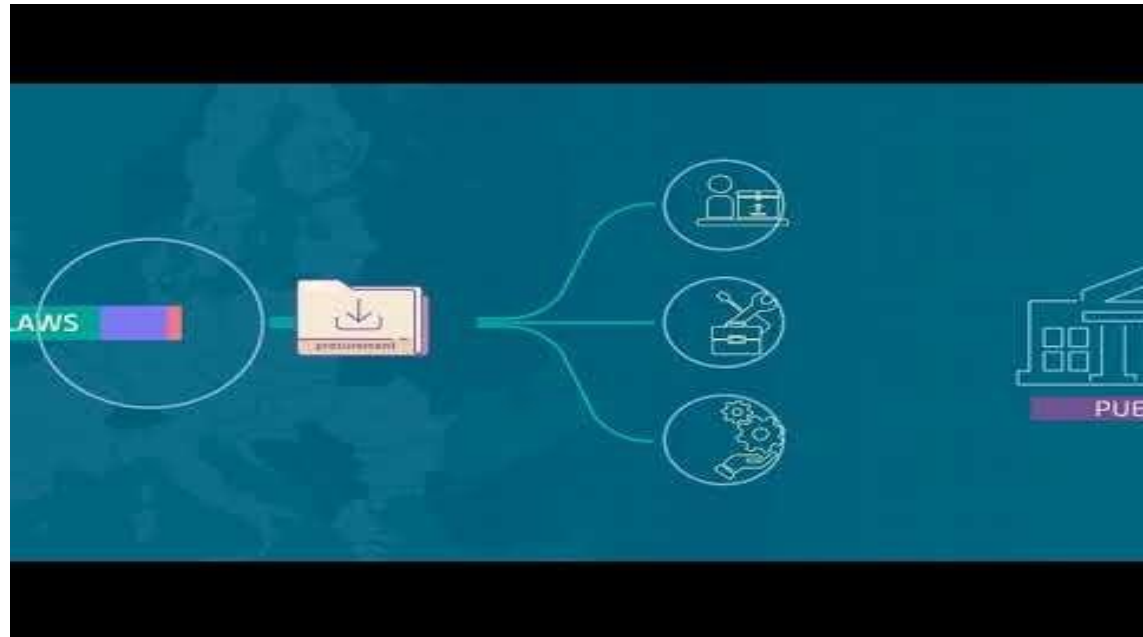
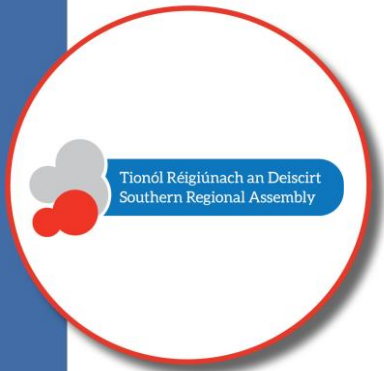
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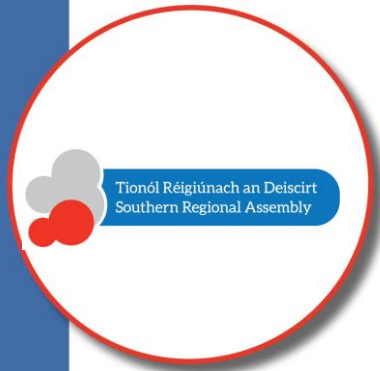


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Why do we need to Procure?



How to comply with Procurement Rules:



- EU's Procurement Directives
- National Rules
- Programme Specific Guidance
- Partner's own policy

Rule of thumb: the stricter rules must always be applied.

Steps in Below Threshold Tendering:

Less than €5K

- Obtain three verbal quotes
- Select the lowest price/
most suitable

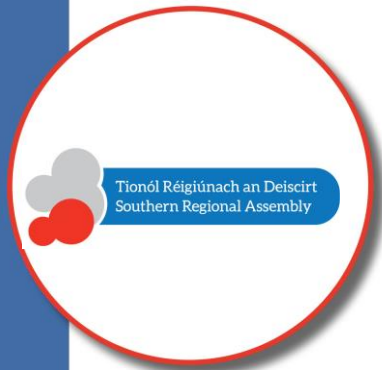
5k - €25k

- Send brief specification to at least three suppliers seeking written quotes
- Consider using the quick quotes facility on eTenders
- Evaluate offers objectively against specified requirements using a scoring sheet
- Select most suitable offer
- Advise all tenders on the award of contract

€25k – EU Thresholds

- Draw up tender documents using Open Procedure
- Set basis for award
- Agree weighting of Award Criteria
- Advertise on eTenders
- Evaluate tenders using weighted criteria
- Select highest scoring tender
- Award contract
- Debrief unsuccessful tenderers

EU Thresholds:



ABOVE EU VALUE THRESHOLDS (EXCLUDING VAT)

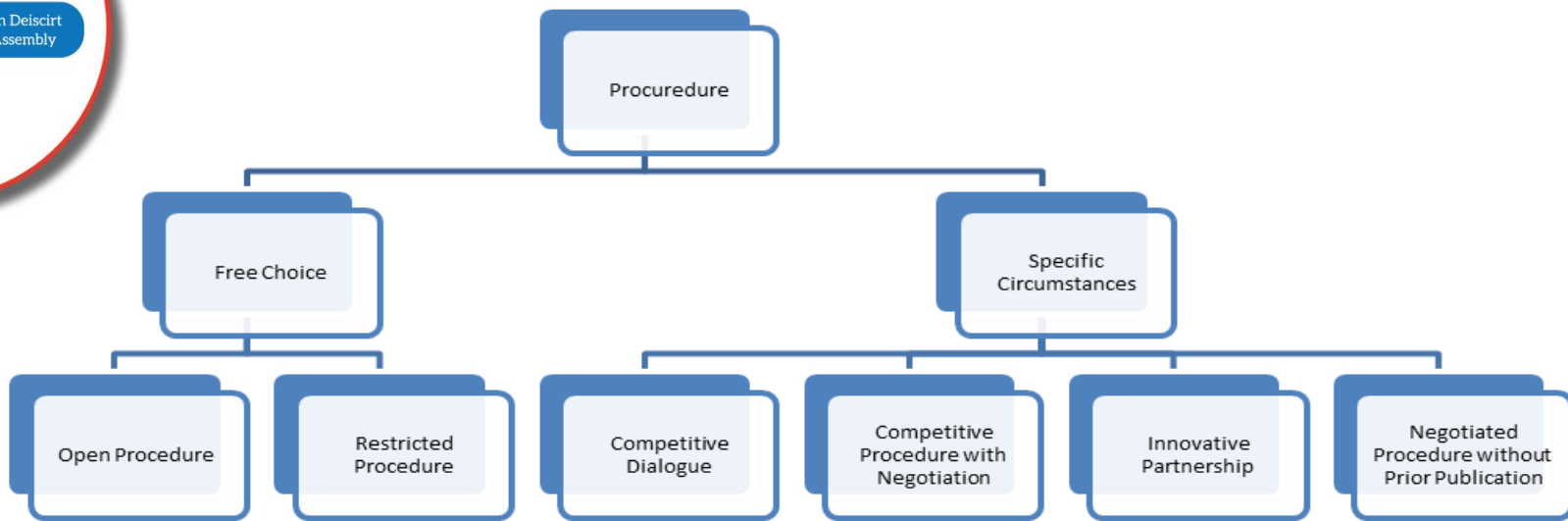
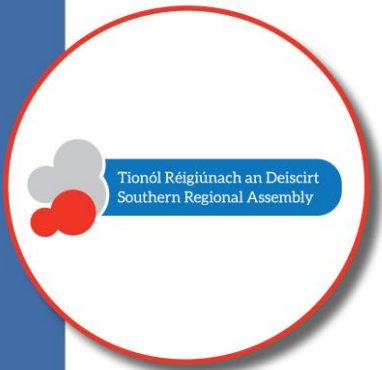
> €221,000
(Goods & Services)

Must be advertised on EU Journal (OJEU) via tendering process on www.etenders.gov.ie

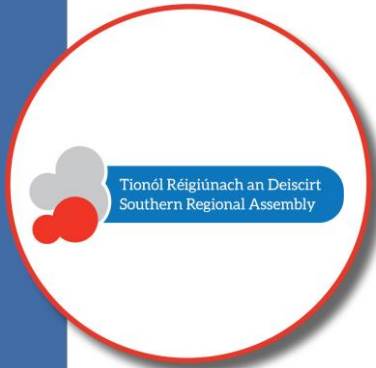
€5,548,000 (Works)

Must be advertised on EU Journal (OJEU) via a formal tendering process using www.etenders.gov.ie

Above Threshold Procurement Procedures:



Programme Specific Guidance: NWE:

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For all contracts above €5,000 (excl. VAT) project partners (public or private) need to have documented proof that three quotes have been asked for. In the event that the partner must comply with other, stricter rules (e.g. internal rules), these stricter rules must apply.

The failure to apply this programme rule, will result in a 25% flat rate cut for all the expenditure related to the contract, unless the project partners can provide a sound explanation.

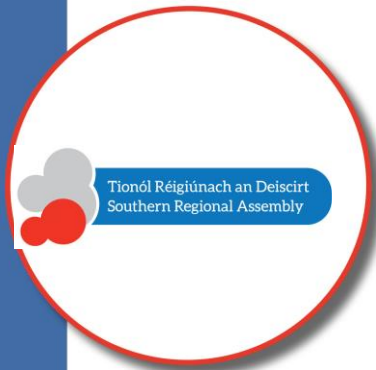
What happens if you fail to procure or don't follow guidance?



- Programme specific corrections e.g. North West Europe
- European Commission Financial Corrections: financial corrections to be made by the Commission to expenditure financed by the Union under shared management, for non-compliance with the rules on public procurement.

Links to Guidance:

- EU Procurement Directives:
 - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32014L0024>
- EC Procurement Financial Corrections:
 - https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/information/publications/decisions/2019/commission-decision-of-14-5-2019-laying-down-the-guidelines-for-determining-financial-corrections-to-be-made-to-expenditure-financed-by-the-union-for-non-compliance-with-the-applicable-rules-on-public-procurement
- Office of Government Procurement
 - <https://ogp.gov.ie/public-procurement-guidelines-for-goods-and-services/>





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Thank You!

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