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TenderNed

The Dutch system for e-procurement

Set to become the national system for e-procurement in the Netherlands, TenderNed will facilitate and automate the procurement process, benefitting both contracting authorities and economic operators.

Tendering is a procurement method that makes it possible to access the market in an objective and transparent manner. The procurement process, however, places high demands on the diligence of both contracting authorities and economic operators. TenderNed makes it possible for both parties to achieve substantial time and financial savings, by enabling them to focus on the substance of the assignment or on the tender.

E-procurement via TenderNed

The website www.TenderNed.nl presents news and information and an overview of the latest contract notices. Part of the website is only accessible to registered users. Contracting authorities publish contract notices on TenderNed. Economic operators can respond by submitting a tender online. The contracting authorities receive online assistance in assessing the submitted tenders. They then announce the award of contract on TenderNed. Economic operators need to enter their company details only once on TenderNed. This information may then be used for all other submissions of tender. The TenderNed Attention Service enables economic operators to receive contract notices automatically, based on their own profile.

European Commission objective

TenderNed supports the government and business community in procurement processes for services, supplies and works. It is a key instrument in

meeting the European Commission's objectives for e-procurement. TenderNed automatically publishes contract notices that exceed the EU threshold on Tenders Electronic Daily (TED). TED is the official website of the EU on which all European contract notices are published.

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Online procurement assistance

It is expected that in the near future the entire procurement process will be conducted electronically via TenderNed: from the (prior) information notice to the award of contract. Moreover, TenderNed also provides an electronic vault and a database for company details. Relevant documents, including specifications and information notices, will be made available online. Auctions will also be possible. TenderNed offers online support throughout the procurement process and is easy to use.

Security

The security aspects of the TenderNed system and electronic vault are regularly audited. Transactions conducted via TenderNed are secured using text message authentication. This method is comparable to that used for online banking.

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Hét systeem voor
elektronisch aanbesteden

TenderNed advantages

Tendering via TenderNed offers advantages to both contracting authorities and economic operators.

■ Reduced paperwork for all concerned

On TenderNed, information is communicated electronically. This makes the submission of printed documents redundant, resulting in a substantial reduction of the administrative burden.

■ Uniformity in procurement

TenderNed increases clarity by outlining unequivocal procurement procedures. The system offers templates, increasing uniformity and time-savings.

■ Reduced margin of error

TenderNed guides users step-by-step through the procurement process, taking into account, for instance, deadlines in accordance with legislation and regulations. For example, a warning is displayed if a user makes a procedural error.

■ One-time registration of company details

Economic operators need to register their company details (e.g. contact information and reference projects) only once in TenderNed. They keep their information up-to-date themselves. Economic operators can re-use their data for new tenders. This substantially reduces the amount of information they have to enter for each tender.

■ Virtual market place

Contracting authorities and economic operators meet on TenderNed. Contract notices are published on the site, and economic operators can register to or submit a tender directly online. The contracting authority assesses the submitted tenders and announces the award of contract via TenderNed. The Attention Service facilitates targeted search for promising contract notices.¹

National roll-out of TenderNed

Feedback groups, consisting of representatives of both contracting authorities and economic operators, have been established in order to ensure that TenderNed maximally satisfies the requirements of users. The groups assess the practical aspects of TenderNed and make recommendations about functionality. In addition, the system will be tested extensively to determine when TenderNed is ready to be rolled-out nationally.

TenderNed is an initiative of the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs. The development and national launch of TenderNed is being coordinated by PIANOo. PIANOo is the public procurement expertise centre for public sector procurement in the Netherlands.

Costs

Use of TenderNed is free of charge.

More information

More information about TenderNed is available via www.TenderNed.nl.

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