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Planning

Forklift Trucks for the Port of Sunderland

Sunderland City Council

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Scope

Reference

OPEN20252199

Description

Supply of new fork lift trucks for the Port of Sunderland's cargo operations.

6 x 8 tonne forklift trucks with clamps

3 x 33 tonne forklift trucks with forks

Existing fleet of trucks and attachments being replaced to offset purchase price as part exchange

Total value (estimated)

- £1,550,000 excluding VAT
- £1,860,000 including VAT

Above the relevant threshold

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026
- 6 months

Main procurement category

Goods

CPV classifications

- 42415000 - Forklift trucks, works trucks, railway-station platforms tractors

Contract locations

- UKC23 - Sunderland

Engagement

Engagement deadline

9 January 2026

Engagement process description

There is a preliminary market engagement questionnaire available on the Councils online tendering platform, the Open system.

You will need to create an account on Open in order to access and bid for public sector opportunities issued by Sunderland City Council.

Visit www.open-uk.org to register an account

(Registration is free and easy. Simply head over to www.open-uk.org and complete the online registration form).

Top tips to help you get started:

Keep an eye out for the temporary password to confirm your account - this is only valid for 3 days so if you have not logged in during this period, you will need to contact open.support@nepo.org to request a new temporary password

Adding your Companies House number will populate fields and make it easier to register

Once registered, select Codes & Categories relevant to your area of business

Add notifications@open-uk.org to your safe sender list to ensure you don't miss out on notifications of relevant opportunities

The Open Hub is packed with resources and information to help you get the most out of Open. We have answered your questions in our FAQ section and developed a range of how-to guides so you can familiarise yourself with the system at your own pace. Visit www.open-hub.org to find out more

Suppliers must also ahead of the publication of the tender, register on the Central Digital Platform (CDP) and ensure their information is up-to-date on the system .

The CDP is available at <https://www.gov.uk/find-tender>.

This market engagement will allow the Council to understand the appetite in the market and prepare the market and to advise them to register with the appropriate sites to ensure that have access to all documentation and can submit compliant tenders

Submission

Publication date of tender notice (estimated)

16 January 2026

Contracting authority

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