

# Staffordshire County Council eSourcing Portal User Guide

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These instructions have been produced to assist suppliers using the electronic sourcing platform. The County Council reserve the right to to update and re-issue the instructions with no prior notification to suppliers. Please note that the instructions are as accurate as possible and the County Council accepts no responsibility where the instructions differ from changes in the platform functionality.

This site operates best using Internet Explorer (versions 9 and above), or the latest versions of Safari, Firefox and Chrome. A screen resolution of 1024 x 768 or above is recommended.

For any urgent technical issues or forgotten passwords please use either the 'Contact Us' facility on the homepage.

It is important that you call Proactis with any issues encountered submitting tenders, especially if you leave uploading until the last day. (not recommended)

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#### **Important Information - Points to remember**

- It is the supplier's responsibility to ensure that a copy of ALL documentation is retained by the supplier prior to any submission.
- The supplier is required to download this document (and any other) from the portal to a secure location on their own server / computer drive. From this location the supplier is then able to populate and save the questionnaire as requested.
- Please ensure no individual attachment is greater than **10MB** in file/memory size.
- It is recommended that all submissions are PDF formatted prior to submission.
- Ensure that no uploaded portal attachments possess any software virus that prevents the County Council opening the documents post-deadline. Ensure also that any software media / file types used are commonplace to the County Council and that file types are not corrupt when uploaded. It is always recommended to present documents in a PDF format to avoid such issues. The County Council reserves the right to disqualify any tender submission which cannot be opened (for the reasons discussed) post-deadline.
- NOTE It is the suppliers' responsibility to maintain an 'active' tender account throughout the process. Accounts tend to become inactive if a supplier mistakenly keys-in an incorrect password several times. It is not the responsibility of the Council to monitor the status of tenderer accounts. Please note for suppliers' who are subsidiaries or franchises of an organisation you will need to have your own email account and register for a password unique to your organisation.
- Please be aware that any tender communications may not be available to view if an account is inactive. In the first instance, please contact the Buyer direct to get the account re-instated. It is required that the supplier regularly checks the status of their tender accounts during a procurement. The Council is not responsible for any missed communications (or the consequences) due to inactive accounts or periods where suppliers take annual leave etc.
- It is the suppliers responsibility to update the eTendering portal with any changes in its staffing
- All returns <u>must</u> be made via the portal only and within the stated timescales.

- Suppliers are required to submit all clarification questions which arise during the Procurement period in writing using the eTendering portal only
- Suppliers who decide that they do not wish to apply for an opportunity once they have registered an interest can decline the opportunity. This makes the supplier "inactive" on the opportunity and you will no longer receive dialgoues or alerts for that opportunity.

#### **1.** Supplier Self Registration

The portal can be found at <a href="https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login#">https://supplierlive.proactisp2p.com/Account/Login#</a>

Supplier Network	Sign Up?
Jsername (usually your email address)	Don't have an account? Register
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ven't got a Username?	Have you been invited?

Click 'Register' and populate all the fields including the Organisation ID which is created by the user. All fields with an asterix (\*) are mandatory.

## Self Registration

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Address 1 \star	Address 2
Town \star	County
Postcode *	Country * UNITED KINGDOM *
Primary Correspondence Details	
First Name 🗙	Surname \star
Telephone Number *	
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Complete the information and click 'Register' at the bottom of the page. The system may ask you to confirm that your organisation is not already registered. Tick the appropriate box and continue. Or the system will explain that your account needs to be authenticated.





The system will send you an email. Check all mail boxes, including trash and spam. Click the link 'Click here to activate your account' in the email to return to the Portal and enter your details. It is important that you do this within 24 hours of receiving the email. Complete the fields and click 'Next'.

#### **Step One: Organisation Details**

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Complete the fields or select 'Not Applicable'. Once complete click the next arrow > to move onto step two. Your profile can be amended at any time after registration using the arrow icon >> in the top right corner. There is a tour available to help you understand the system

#### Step Two: Addresses

If you wish to add more addresses click on 'Add Address' and populate the fields, click 'Ok' to save.

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To amend an address, click the pencil . Work through the tabs. Click 'Ok' to save or 'Cancel' to close the box. Click 'Next' to move to Step Three.

#### Step Three: Users

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Click 'Add User' to add additional staff to your account. Click 'Ok' to save or 'Cancel'. To edit details of an existing user, click the pencil underneath the Action tab or click 'Next' to move on.

#### Step Four: What you Sell

The system uses CPV (Common Procurement Vocabulary) classification codes to identify what you sell. In the search box type key words that describe what you sell and click. The results will be displayed below.

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Grounds
43325100 : Grounds-maintenance equipment.         45112720 : Landscaping work for sports grounds and recreational areas.         45112723 : Landscaping work for playgrounds.         77314000 : Grounds maintenance services.         *       infootoon: Food beverages tolkaco and related products.         *       infootoon: Laster and toxile factor playgrounds.         *       infootoon: Cubring footware laggage articles and accesseries.         *       infootoon: Cubring footware laggage articles and suggifies except turbised of software packages.         *       infootoon: Cubring footware laggage articles and suggifies except turbised of software packages.         *       infootoon: Cubring footware laggage articles and products.         *       infootoon: Cubring footware laggage articles and suggifies except turbised of software packages.         *       infootoon: Cubring footware laggage articles and suggifies except turbised of software packages.         *       infootoon: Cubring footware laggement and suggifies except turbised of software packages.         *       infootoon: Electrical mathivery apparative equipment and suggifies except turbised on a drive except turbised of packages.         *       infootoon: Radio turbise tubermateriation and relate optigement.         *       infootoon: Radio turbise tubermateriation and relate optigement.         *       infootoon: Radio turbise tubermateriatine tubermateriation         *

Click on the arrows to add/remove the category to your profile. Repeat as required. Click > to move to the next step.

#### **Step 5: Buyer Selection**

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Select Buyer Organisations					
Title	Town	Post Code	County	Country	
Bristol City Council	Bristol	BS1 6EE		United Kingdom	
Caerphilly County Borough Council	Bargoed	CF81 8AB	Caerffili	UNITED KINGDOM	
Cardiff Council	Cardiff	CF10 4UW		UNITED KINGDOM	
Coilte	Newtownmountkennedy		Co. Wicklow	IRELAND	
Denbighshire Council	Denbigh	LL16 3RJ	Denbighshire	UNITED KINGDOM	
Department for Education	Sheffield	S1 2FJ		GB	
East Midlands Strategic Commercial Unit	Arnold	NG5 8PP	Nottinghamshire	UNITED KINGDOM	
Flintshire County Council	Mold	CH7 6NB	Flintshire	United Kingdom	
North of England Commissioning Support Unit (NECS)	Leeds	LS2 7UE	West Yorkshire	UNITED KINGDOM	
PeoplePlus	Sheffield	S2 4SW	South Yorkshire	UNITED KINGDOM	
Somerset County Council	Taunton	TA1 4DY	Somerset	UNITED KINGDOM	
Staffordshire County Council	Stafford	ST16 2DH	Staffordshire	UNITED KINGDOM	

This allows you to be included into a buyer's directory for private tender invites etc. Ensure that you select 'Staffordshire County Council' as a minimum by ticking the box. Click > to move on.

#### **Step Six: Primary Contact Details**

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Primary Contact Details	
Organisation Name Think Pad Ltd Email Address *	
First Name *	
Laura	
Surname *	
Laura	
Telephone Number *	

The primary contact has overall administration rights for the supplier. Confirm the details are correct and click **>** to move to Step Seven.

#### **Step Seven: Notification Alerts**

The system sends notification to registered users of the account. As a default all notifications are ticked. This can be changed by unchecking a particular line

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Notification Details	
This is the full list of email notifications and they are all enabled at present. You can select/deselect whichever ones you require. Ongoing changes can be made via the Preferences tab under Your Business	
Select/Unselect all options here.	
Notification Subscriptions	
Notification of new Buyer Dialogue on an Assessment	
✓ Notification of being assigned to Issue for an Assessment	
✓ Notification of Update to an Issue for Assessment	
Notifications of new Buyer Dialogue in Contracts	
Reminders sent to Suppliers when their Documents are nearing their expiry	
Notifications of new Buyer Dialogue in Opportunities	
Notification of new Buyer Dialogue in Sourcing Requests	
Supplier notifications for amendments to RFX Request Documents	
Notifications of tender closing date changes	
e-Sourcing project participation status change notifications	
Questionnaire Completion Requests	

#### **Step Eight: Terms and Conditions**

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	USER LICENCE
	YOU MUST READ THE FOLLOWING BEFORE CONTINUING
	The use of the software provided by Proactis Limited is subject to the following User Licence. You must carefully read through the User Licence. By accepting the License, you confirm that you have read the User License and that you agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of the User Licence at all times. If you are accepting the User Licence on behalf of a firm or corporate entity you warrant that you have the authority to do so. If you do not agree to be bound by the User Licence you will not be able to activate and use the Software.
	1. Definitions and INTERPRETATION
	I have read and understood the Proactis Terms of Use for using the Supplier Network

Tick to agree with the Terms and Conditions of using the Portal. Click > to move to the final step.

#### **Step Nine: Complete Registration**

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Create your password which must be between 4 and 15 characters in length and contain at least 2 numbers. Passwords expire every 2 months. Then click > you will then be brought to your homepage within the Portal (below).





#### 2. Home Screen Explained

**Notifications** – Displays any buyer notifications that require your attention.

**Opportunities** – Displays opportunities from UK organisations which use Proactis, allows you to express an interest and submit your tender response.

**Orders** – Displays orders raised to your organisation.

Invoices – View, print and resend invoices to the customer.

**Customer Relationships** – Search and manage trading requests between you and your customers

**Customer Requests** – Search and manage trading requests between you and your customers

Auctions – Displays available auctions

Contracts – Displays contracts awarded to your organisation

You can select which one you require from either the main tiles or the blue side bar on the left

## 3. Search for an Opportunity & Submit a Tender

Select 'Opportunities' which will display current opportunities or search in the search box.

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You can use the 'Filters' button to search only for the tenders that you have expressed an interest in by amending the drop-down boxes.

Click the **D** to view more information and to register your interest in the tender.

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orfaen County Borough Council	Provision of housing and related support services to meet the needs of vulnerable people in Torfaen	Advertised	28/01/2019 12:00	6 days 2 hours	Ð
aerphilly County Borough Council	Childcare Provision at Idris Davies School	Advertised	28/01/2019 12:00	6 days 2 hours	Ð
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lorth of England Commissioning Support Unit NECS)	NHSE481 - Child Health Information Services	Advertised	31/01/2019 12:00	9 days 2 hours	Ð
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Opportunity	SREQ1002664				✓ Register Interest
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Stafford Borough Co necessary ground w	uncil (SBC) is seeking to commission a suitably qua orks, surfacing, landscoping and reinstatement.	lified and experienced company for the project management, design, supply and installation of	all equipment a	nd associated impact a	bsorbing surfacing Include for all
The successful appli discuss this contract	cant must be able to provide a fully managed service r with members of the public.	egarding the contract and provide one main point of contact within the organisation who will project	t manage the o	intract. Under no circum	istances are applicants allowed to
The site is approxim	ately 5.4 hectares in size, accommodating a traditional	play area, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), three adult size grass football pitches, playing fields,	oar park and cha	nging facilities for the fo	otball pitches.
The project start date	e and end date will depend on the work plan submitted	by each supplier. Please note the project will need to be completed by 31st December 2019.			
Contract Start D	ate				
11 February 2019					
Contract End Da	ite				
31 December 2019					
Delivery Addres	e				
Staffordshire Place 2	-				
Tipping Street					
Stafford					
Staffordshire					
ST16 2DH					1
UNITED KINGDOM					
Purchasing Con	tact				
Michelle Davies					
01785277118					
michelle.davies@sta	ffordshire.gov.uk				

To express your interest against an opportunity, click 'Register Interest'. Your organisation will now receive any communication regarding that opportunity. When you go back to the 'Opportunities' page, your chosen tender will be labelled 'Private'.

#### 4. Create a Response

Once you register your interest it will take you through to show the actual tender and the full details.

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Customer Name Staffordshire Council Title	Allow multiple responses? No Allow response re-submit before deadline?	
IA1512 - Redevelopment, Project Management and Design of Play Facilities at Chamley Road Open Space Description Stafford Borough Council (SBC) is seeking to commission a suitably qualified and experienced company for the project management, design, supply and installation of all equipment and associated impact absorbing surfacing. Include for all necessary ground works, surfacing. Indexcaping and reinstatement. The successful applicant must be able to provide a fully managed service regarding the contract. Under no circumstances are applicant sulved for all necess this contract, within the organisation who will project manage the contract. Under no circumstances are applicant sulved for all necess this contract within the organisation who will project manage the contract. Under no circumstances are applicant sulved for discuss this contract with members of the public. The site is approximately 5.4 hectares in size, accommodating a traditional play area, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA), three adult size grass foroball pitches, playing fields, car park and changing facilities for the football pitches. The project slart date and end date will depend on the work plan submitted by each supplier. Please note the project will need to be completed by 31st December 2019.	Yes Delivery Date 10. January 2019 Delivery Address Staffordshire Flace 2 Tipping Strue Stafford Stafford Staffordshire STI 9 ZDH UNITED KINGDOM	
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Download and read the 'Request Documentation' that the buyer has provided as part of the tender. Some of the documents need to be completed and returned to the buyer. The documents should be saved to your own computer to allow you to work on the opportunity

#### 5. Returning a response

To do this, suppliers should navigate back to the opportunity.

Suppliers should ensure that you have completed any questions from under the questions tab

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<b>^</b> 1:	: MANDATORY DOCUMENT UPLOAD (5 questions)	
1.01	Please attach your completed Pricing Return for this tender. \star	
	Attach file Or drag and drop a file here	
1.02	Please attach your completed Quality Questionnaire / Tender Return document for this tender \star	
	Attach file Or drag and drop a file here	
1.03	Confirm that all other supporting documentation has been uploaded to the "ATTACHMENTS" screen *	
1.04	Please provide as an attachment on letter headed paper the following information:-	
	Company Name Company Address (that will appear on the invoice) Bank Details (Bank Name, Bank Address, Account Name, Sort Code & Account Number) Unique Tax Reference Number	
	An email address for the receiving of Remittance Advice An email address for the receiving of Electronic Purchase Orders \star	
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Suppliers will not be able to return a tender submission unless the Mandatory questions on this screen have been completed.

**The Central Digital Platform** 

It is a **mandatory requirement** of the procurement procedure that you, the supplier, have registered and completed all the requirements within the Governments Central Digital Platform ('CDP') prior to any tender submission for this project. The CDP is completely independent and separate from the Authority's eTendering system.

Tick the confirm button on the Central Digital Platform tab, once your data has been downloaded and added to the mandatory question on the questions tab

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	Aspart of the UK Procurement Act 2023, ALL Suppliers who engage with public sector parties within the UK must be registered on the Central Digital Platform (CDP) and provide, as part of their response, details on how the buying organisation can access your registered CDP Supplier Information. This can be done by attaching, as part of your response, an upplied of your Supplier Information that you have downloaded directly from the CDP. For more information and if you are not registered with the CDP, please click here	
1	I confirm that I will/have provided the necessary documentation from the CDP and have attached the document either to a Question on the Questions Tab, or to the "Attachments" Tab of this Response.	

To return a response you need to do this this via the 'Attachments' button.

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📩 Or drag and drop files here	

Under the "Your Files" section, choose the attachment type then press the "**Attach Files**", this will lead you through the process to add a document from your computer.

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#### Once the file has been attached press "Upload Files".

#### Failure to select both "attach" and "upload" for each document will result in documents not being submitted. Please note the submit button will still function irrespective of whether documents are attached or not.

All uploaded files will then be listed below the "Uploaded Files" section. A file will have only been successful if it highlights green and populates under this section.

If after you have selected the "Upload Files" button and your document gets a red bar across the document name (as shown below) then this file has <u>NOT</u> uploaded and therefore it will not have been uploaded or submitted.

Suppliers will have to try variations in re-uploading this – files size, file type, length of file name etc. as there is a problem with the document. Normally the error occurs due to the file name being too long.

**Please Note:** The Proactis system does not allow you to directly upload macro-enabled Excel documents, i.e. those files which have an extension .XLSM. Should you need to do this then please ZIP the Excel file, which the system will then readily accept.

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Please note the receiving meg limit is **10MB** and generic documents is set to "any type of file".

A drag and drop functionality is available for use when adding attachments. Should suppliers wish to use this functionality please be aware that you must still select the upload button to ensure that you documents are attached to the response correctly.

You can then review or remove any file if required. Use of the 'Validate' button may assist in showing some areas of the tender you have not completed. Once you are happy with your submission and have uploaded the correct documentation click **'Submit'**.

#### The below will appear if you have completed all sections of the response.

Vour Opportunities					OK, response 'SRES1068921' submitted!	Kingdom) 🔹 Laura 🗸 Pad Ltd
From here you can review the requests that have been sent to you by customers and create responses.						
Search by customer reference, title or customer name					Q Search	Filters
Reference	Customer Name	Title	Туре	Closing Date	Time Remaining	Show Me
GSC1000582REQ	Flintshire County Council	Provision of Assisted Garden Maintenance Service	Advertised	22/01/2019 12:00	2 hours 29 minutes	Ð

#### The screen below will appear if any sections of your response have not been completed

	Your Response   SRES1068921 X Decline Messages & Validate & Save Draft Save Draft	×	Oops
From here	you can edit your response by completing the various steps within the wizard below, or process it using the options above.		correct the validation errors and try again.
< Gene	al Questions Attachments		
If required ple	ase use the options below to add Attachments to your response. Select an attachment type, add or drag and drop a file and then click 'Upload files'.		

If the tender does not contain a Question screen, please be aware that the submit button can be selected without any documents being uploaded. Please bear in mind that the system will automatically show the above green message and will also generate the below email even if no documents have been attached. Suppliers must ensure that the documents they wish to submit to the County Council are listed under the uploaded files section.

Once submitted you will receive a reference number / green flag (as shown above) together with a confirmation email as shown here: -



<u>Please retain this email as evidence of submission</u> as without it the Council or Proactis cannot progress any investigation into any perceived irregularity in submissions. Please check all inboxes including spam folders for this email each time you 'submit'.

<u>Please Note:</u> The County Council highly recommend that once a Supplier has clicked the Submit button that they return back to the opportunity to check that the documents which they wish to submit are visible under the "Attachments" section.

This can be done by selecting the **"show me"** button of the opportunity from the **"Opportunities"** tab on the home page and then selecting **"Attachments"** 

## 6. Declining an opportunity

To do this suppliers should navigate back to the opportunity. To decline the opportunity you need to do this this via the 'Decline' button.

≡	Your Response   SRES1000003		SP Tender SP Tender Test	~ <mark>(</mark> )
窳	From here you can edit your response by completing the various steps within the wizard below, or pro	ccess it using the options above.		
₽ <mark>×</mark>	General         Attachments			
Æ	✓ Request Documents (22)			
20	About You			
	Please use this text area to provide additional information			
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Q				~
5	▲ Request Overview			
	Request   SREQ1000004			
	Customer Name Staffordshire County Council	Allow multiple responses? No		
	Title ST261 - PROVISION OF THE COUNTY FARMS SOLAR PV	Allow response re-submit before deadline? Yes		
	Description CONTRACT FOR THE PROVISION OF THE COUNTY FARMS SOLAR PV PROJECT	Delivery Date 07 April 2015		
	Staffordshire County Council recognises the need to achieve its share of national renewable energy targets and	Delivery Address		

By declining an opportunity this makes your organisations status as "inactive" meaning you will no longer receive dialogue alerts in your registered email address for this opportunity. However, any messages that the County Council sends via the messages function will still be viewable by your organisation by navigating back to the opportunity and re-registering your interest.

## 7. Retracting and resubmitting a Bid

The portal allows suppliers to retract and resubmit a bid if required. When you return to the portal your response will have the following:

Your Response   SRES1068921	English (United Kingdom) * Laura Laura Think Pad Ltd
From here you can edit your response by completing the various steps within the wizard below, or process it using the options above.	
General Questions Attachments	
✓ Request Documents (17)	
About You	

Once the "Amend & Resubmit" button has been clicked all attachments previously uploaded will be removed from the buyers' view, the information message shown below warns suppliers <u>"This will set your Response to "NOT SUBMITTED" and allows you to</u> change the details of your Response. You MUST submit the Response again to allow the <u>Customer to view and evaluate your response. Do you want to continue?".</u>

Your Response   SRES1068921	English (United Kingdom) 🔹
Messages Gr Amend & Resubmit	Laura Laura 🗸
This will set your Response to 'Not Submitted' and allow you to change the details of your Response. You must submit the Response again to allow the Customer to vie Do you want to continue? Yes X No	ew and evaluate your response.
From here you can edit your response by completing the various steps within the wizard below, or process it using the options above.	
General Questions Attachments	
✓ Request Documents (17)	

On selecting "**Yes**" you will remove your submitted bid from the County Councils view and you will be required to submit the bid again.

Your Response   SRES1068921 ★ Decline ■ Messages  Validate  Save Draft  Save Draft	OK, can be amended and re-submitted find Ltd
From here you can edit your response by completing the various steps within the wizard below, or process it using the options above.	
✓ Request Documents (17)	
About You	

Please note that If you abort the screen at this stage for any reason without selecting the **"SUBMIT"** button you will have submitted **NO** bid.

## 8. To View or Send a Message/Clarification

Locate the tender you wish to raise a clarification about following the steps above.

Your Response   SRES1068921	English (United Kingdom) 🔻
Validate 🏳 Save Draft 🖌 Submit	Laura Laura 🗸
From here you can edit your response by completing the various steps within the wizard below, or process it using the options above.	
General Questions Attachments	
✓ Request Documents (17)	
About You	
Please use this text area to provide additional information	

Select 'Messages'



To send a new message to the buyer select + D/alogue, complete the boxes as required followed by 'Send'. The buyer response will also be displayed here.

All message received for this opportunity build up on the left-hand side of the screen. You can also reply to a received message by typing in the "Reply to" box and selecting send

Suppliers are advised to periodically check the system for messages from the buyer and not be reliant on email prompts from the system

#### 9. Viewing Submitted Documents Pre/Post Tender Deadline

If required, Suppliers can view submitted documents pre/post the tender deadline by doing the following: -

From the home screen select **"Opportunities"**, ensure **'Filters'** is pressed, and then ensure the menus and tick box is checked as follows: -

Vour Opportunities					English (United Laura Think	Kingdom) ¥ Laura ¥ Pad Ltd
From here you	can review the requests that have been	sent to you by customers and create responses.				
Search by cus	tomer reference, title or customer name.				Q Search	Filters
Closing Date F Announcemen Any	rom m t Type *	Response Status Any  Registered Interest? Any	Include E	xpired?		
Reference	Customer Name	Title	Туре	Closing Date	Time Remaining	Show Me
GSC1000582REQ	Flintshire County Council	Provision of Assisted Garden Maintenance Service	Advertised	22/01/2019 12:00	2 hours 18 minutes	Ð

Enter your project number of the expired tender (if known), ensuring you select the "Include Expired" and hit 'Search'

IA1143					Q Search	<ul> <li>Filters</li> </ul>
Closing Date From	×	Response Status Any * Registered Interest? Any *	<b>∠</b> Include E	xpired?		
Reference	Customer Name	Title	Туре	Closing Date	Time Remaining	Show Me
SREQ1002076	Staffordshire County Council	IA1143 Civic Centre Car Park Extension	Advertised	01/10/2018 12:00	Expired	<b>&gt;</b>

If you are looking for the project post tender deadline the project should show as 'Expired' with the 'Show Me' link next to it. Press 'Show Me': -

If you are searching for pre-tender deadline, then the opportunity will be displaying the time remaining before deadline.

Press 'Attachments'. This will display the documents that the buyer should have received when it was opened after the deadline: -

Your Response   SRES1038176	<b>?</b> #	English (United Kingdom) 🔻			
Messages C Amend & Resubmit					
From here you can edit your response by convicting the various steps within the wizard below, or General Questions Attachments	r process it using the options above.				
Your Files					
Uploaded Files					
Name	Туре	Download			
ESPO Contact	Generic Documents	w 📃			
		1 - 1 of 1 Items			

You may also have more documents on separate screens as shown by the prompts circled in red below.

Your Files		
Uploaded Files		
Name	Type	Download
003 PCS83 Specification and Memorandum of Understanding (12021-0	General Document	w 📄
001 PCS83 (TT Procurement Pack - (200236)	Ceneral Document	w
002 PCS83 (TT Questionnaire - RETURN TO BUYER (030224)	Ceneral Document	w 🛛
005 PC583 Lat 1 - Pricing (Building) - RETURN TO BUVER (3403 L4) version 2	General Bocument	×
006 PCS83 Litt 2 - Pricing (Modumical) reconnectors RETURN TO BLARR (540314) version-2	General Booument	×
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#### **10.Viewing Messages Post Tender Deadline**

Where applicable, Suppliers may receive dialogue messages from the buyer after the tender deadline. These messages can be viewed by doing the following: -

From the home screen select **"Opportunities"**, ensure **'Filters'** is pressed, and then ensure the menus and tick box is checked as follows: -

From here you can review the requests that have been sent to you by customers and create responses.				
Search by cust	omer reference, title or customer name.			Q Search A Filters
Closing Date Fr Announcement Any	rom Type *	Response Status Any   Registered Interest?  Any	✓ Include Expired?	
Reference	Customer Name	Title	Type Closing Dat	te Time Remaining Show Me
GSC1000582REQ	Flintshire County Council	Provision of Assisted Garden Maintenance Service	Advertised 22/01/2019	12:00 2 hours 18 minutes

Enter your project number (PC583 is the example here) and hit 'Search' to show the following: -

IA1143					Q Search	Filters
Closing Date From		Response Status Any * Registered Interest? Any *	✓ Include Expired?			
Reference	Customer Name	Title	Туре	Closing Date	Time Remaining	Show Me
SREQ1002076	Staffordshire County Council	IA1143 Civic Centre Car Park Extension	Advertised	01/10/2018 12:00	Expired	<u>ې</u>
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If you are looking for the project post tender deadline the project should show as 'Expired' with the 'Show Me' link next to it. Press 'Show Me': -

If you are searching for pre-tender deadline, then the opportunity will be displaying the time remaining before deadline.

Press **'Messages'**. This will display the messages that the buyer/supplier will have sent and received during the tender process: -

Your Response   SRES1038176	English (United Kingdom) *
Messages C Amend & Resubmit	Paul Timmins V Rock and Roll Drums
From here you can edit your response by completing the various steps within the wizard below, or process it using the options above.	
General Questions Attachments	
✓ Request Documents (5)	
About You	

## **11.**Changing your organisation details

There may be occasions when you need to amend the details of your organisation. To do this follow these simple steps...

- a) Log in to the Proactis supplier portal
- b) From the top right hand screen under your organisation name, select the arrow to expand the drop down list, Select "Your Business"
- c) Navigate through the options to review and amend your details
- d) Once all amendments have been made select "Save"

Vour Opportunities						English (United P Laura Ke Ken	Gingdom) 🔻
From here you can review the requests that have been sent to you by customers and create responses.						Your Business	
Search by customer reference, title or customer name					1	Your Transactions	
							Help
Reference	Customer Name	Title	Туре	Closing Date	Т	Your St	ubscriptions
GSC1000582REQ	Flintshire County Council	Provision of Assisted Garden Maintenance Service	Advertised	22/01/2019 12:00	2	Manage F Change	Preferences
WKS1000240REQ	Denbighshire County Council	New Short Stay Car Park & Landscaping Works - Rhyl	Advertised	25/01/2019 12:00	3		Sign out
EREQ1003337	Torfaen County Borough Council	Provision of housing and related support services to meet the needs of vulnerable people in Torfaen	Advertised	28/01/2019 12:00	6	days 2 hours	Ð