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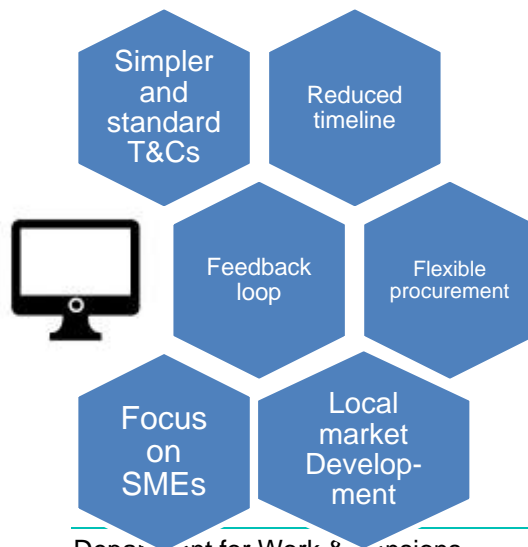
Overview of the DWP's Dynamic Purchasing Systems (DPS)

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What is a Dynamic Purchasing System?

- A Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) is similar to an electronic framework agreement i.e. preferred suppliers list, with two exceptions:
 - new suppliers can join at any time;
 - It is to be run as a completely electronic process.
- Regulation 34 of the PCR 2015 sets out the rules on Dynamic Purchasing Systems. Regulation 34(5) states that in order to procure under a DPS, contracting authorities should follow the rules of the restricted procedure, and subject to the provisions of clause 34. Therefore, Regulations that apply to the Restricted Procedure, and to procedures generally, apply to the DPS, except where regulation 34 specifically alters or dis-applies them.

Why is this a good thing for organisations?



“FSF DPS breaks down barriers for organisations to access local funding – it is a fair and open competition and offers a catalogue work related services provision which Job centres can buy easily.”

“This presents **opportunities for businesses, with a focus on innovation and local specialist support, to support and test the development of new approaches for employment support.** This provision will be key to building evidence to support the delivery of future provision at both national and local level.”

What have DWP in place, and Why?

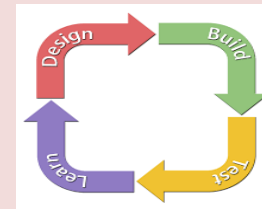
- The DWP have now introduced two separate and unique Dynamic Purchasing Systems that operate slightly differently to deliver very different requirements.
- The reason the department has introduced them is because it enables DWP and organisations to save time and resources by being a quicker and easier way to access goods, services and works through an OJEU compliant route.

Flexible Support Fund



- Delivers a national catalogue allowing all JCP Regions access to potential suppliers for Flexible Support Fund.
- This allows local choice to supplement (gaps) in the support provided through National provision.
- Locally delivered commercial solutions that provides an integrated system through to payments.

Test and Learn



- Delivers a national flexible framework to support cross-government strategic requirements.
- This allows smaller scale piloting to develop governments understanding of what works, alongside existing provision.
- Centrally delivered (by DWP in first instance) providing a route way to deliver faster and more effective call offs.

DPS comparisons.....

Although they are covered by the same regulations and established under similar terms there are many differences in the DPS driven by lessons learned and the intent.

	FSF	Test and Learn
Who is driving the requirements?	Decision making by JCP locally as to what they want to support their demand..	Strategic requirements to identify solutions to a particularly issue or area of interest....
What is being purchased?	Low value employment services for individuals or groups of customers. Supplementing National provision in that local area.	Projects/pilots to work with organisations to develop innovative solutions and identify what works for specific groups of customers.
IT platform	Bravo and Basware	Bravo and T&L Directory of Services
Accreditation process	Qualification and technical setting out the offer for JCP including the type of service and price.	Light touch - Qualification and Technical looking for experience and knowledge in relation to the service lines set out.
Procurement approach	Service offers are loaded in to the catalogue and buyers assess them on quality and price.	This will be a call-off with a specification (ITT) and mini competition for all relevant accredited organisations that meet the agreed requirements (i.e. service lines).
Delivered by	This is done locally by commercially trained experts in JCPs	Central procurement handled by Commercial leads in relevant government department.

Tips for making FSF DPS work

- Think clearly about your proposition and articulate why it is unique
- Bring out evidence of performance outcomes in your offer
- Try to steer away from any generic offers
- Ensure the right category is selected on Basware – consider whether this plays to your strengths as an organisation
- If circumstances change – amend offers and update details on the system
- Read market status reports and check contracts finder published contracts to benchmark your offers against DWP requirements
- **Keep providing the Department feedback.**



Tips for making Test and Learn DPS work (pqq_28804)

Make sure you register for both DPS on Bravo if interested.

- Think clearly about what you can deliver against the current service lines and what experience you can provide.
- Ensure you can provide evidence of experience / knowledge for at least one of the “Support” service lines otherwise you cannot be accredited at this stage.
- Ensure that you answer the specific questions to provide the department evidence of your ability to be considered.
- Try to steer away from any generic answers and only use the templates provided.
- Take the opportunity to provide details on what is unique about your organisation and services you can provide. This information will be feedback to Strategy colleagues.
- Keep updated through checking Contracts Finder to see when future T&L DPS projects and call offs will be happening.
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Questions (and feedback)?