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This document describes software and functionality enhancements that are now available following the deployment of this software update. None of the current features or changes in this release have any impact on the pre-existing functionality if not mentioned explicitly in these release notes and training may thus be done post-release if desired.

1. Changes to eForms Notices

An updated version of the eForms Notices has been introduced to enable data collection in relation to strategic procurement initiatives such as Green Procurement requirements within procurement processes. The OGP has developed a suite of guidance videos that will assist users in navigating the new amendments to the notices. These videos are available here.

2. Enhancement of CPV alerting for Suppliers

Enhancements have been made to better support CPV alerts on the platform. The CPV coding follows a tree structure with a hierarchy of divisions (first 2 digits), groups (3rd digit), classes (4th digit) categories (5th digit) and subcategories (6th to 8th digits). The following table illustrates this for Food, Beverages, Tobacco and related products by way of an example:

Table 5: Example – CPV's hierarchical tree structure Code	**Level**	**Description**
15 0 0 0 000	Division	Food, beverages, tobacco and related products
15 1 1 0 000	Group	Meat
15 1 3 0 000	Class	Meat products
15 1 3 1 000	Category	Meat preserves and preparations
15 1 3 1 100	Subcategory	Sausage-meat products
15 1 3 1 130	Subcategory	Sausages
15 1 3 1 134	Subcategory	Black pudding and other blood sausages

Prior to the implementation of this release, suppliers received one consolidated email per day. Following this release, registered suppliers on the platform, who have their CPV alerting enabled on their accounts, **will receive a business alert** to a published procurement opportunity where:

- Both the contracting authority and the supplier have the same top-code (i.e. CA uses 15000000 and the supplier uses 15000000)
- Both the contracting authority and the supplier have the same sub-code (i.e. CA uses 15131130 and the supplier uses 15131130)
- If the contracting authority has a top-code and the supplier has a sub-code from the same top tree (i.e. CA uses 15000000 and the supplier uses 15131130)
- If the supplier has a top-code and the contracting authority has a sub-code from the same top tree (i.e. CA uses 15131130 and the supplier uses 15000000)

Registered suppliers **will not receive business alerts** for a published tender where:

- Contracting authority and the supplier have different sub-codes even when they are within the same tree (i.e. CA uses 15131130 and the supplier uses 15131134)

3. *Enhancement to layout of email notifications for business alerts*

Following the implementation of this release, the appearance of system generated alerts regarding procurement opportunities has been enhanced to provide more information to suppliers in receipt of business alerts. Going forward, procurement opportunities will display the following information:

I. CFT Title (this will be a hyperlink that leads to the CFT overview screen)
II. Notice publication date
III. Tender Submission deadline
IV. Type of Procedure
V. Description of the procurement
VI. Buyer (CA Publishing the notice)

4. *Improvements to the DPS Workflow to support offline evaluations*

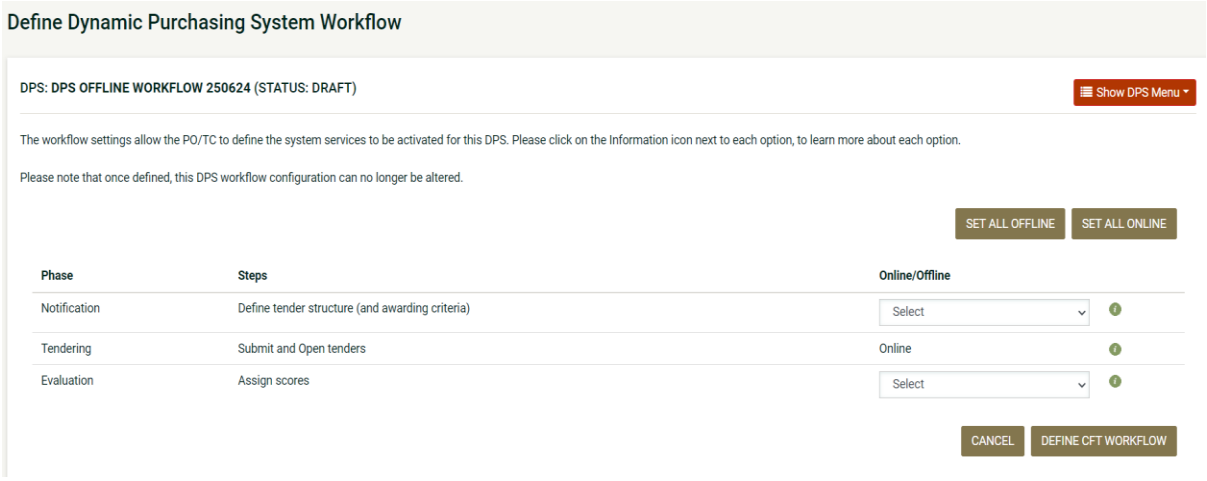
Currently the DPS workflow is fully online and requires the use of an online questionnaire as part of the process. The DPS workflow has now been enhanced to allow optionality around the usage of the online questionnaire when defining a tender structure, similar to that afforded in the Framework Agreement workflow.

The "Define Workflow" task will now be introduced to the DPS flow:

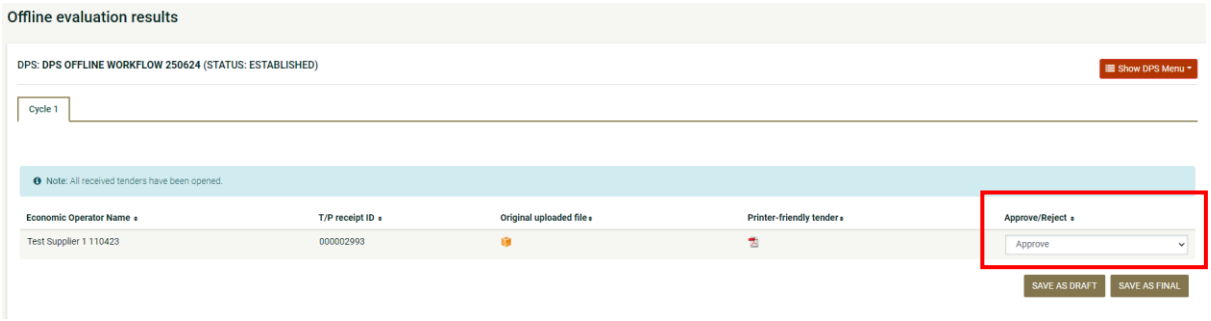
Title	ID	Task
DPS Offline Workflow 250624	372864	Define Workflow

The POTC User will then be able to select "Offline" for Notification (tender structure) and/or the evaluation. As a result, the following workflows will be supported within a DPS:

I. Online – Online – Online
II. Offline – Online – Offline
III. Online – Online – Offline



When an Offline Evaluation is selected for a DPS, the ESR (Lead evaluator) will not be required to provide a Score or Price, they will only need to approve or reject the application from the supplier from the appropriate dropdown list.



For any DPS competitions currently on the platform, this enhancement will apply to any specific contracts (DPS Tenders) that are initiated once the deployment has taken place and it will apply generally to all new DPS competitions created post deployment of the software update. This will also apply to the specific contracts created from a manually created DPS.

Important Note:

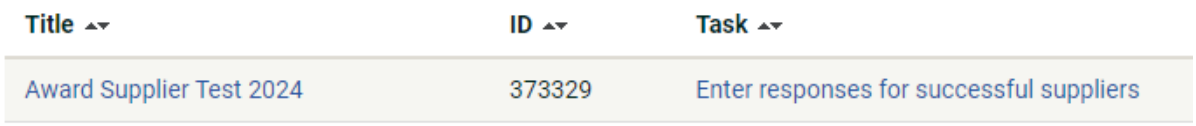
- The change will not apply to any specific contracts created prior to the deployment of the software update.
- The change will not apply to manually created Qualification Systems or the competitions derived from a Qualification System

5. Removal of requirement for supplier approval of a contract

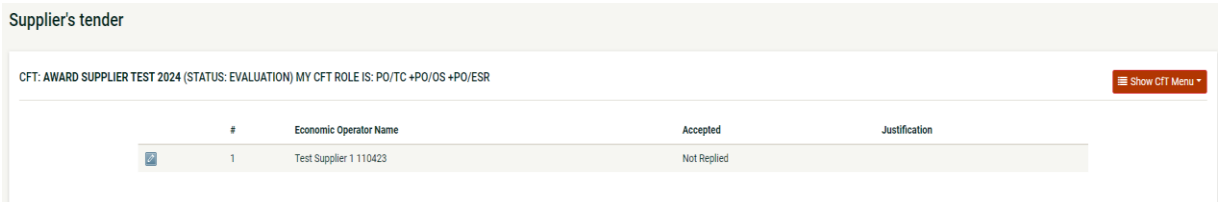
Currently, when a supplier is awarded a contract for a CFT, the system requires the supplier to formally accept the award before the buyer can continue with the next task in the CFT, which can lead to delays in the procurement process.

As part of this software update, this task has been bypassed and the POTC user has the ability to register the supplier's acceptance on their behalf.

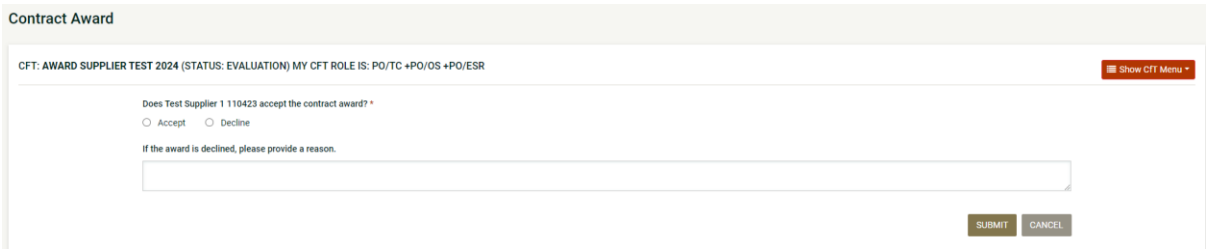
After the normal awarding tasks have been completed by the Contracting Authority, and award values entered, the platform will create a new task "Enter responses for successful suppliers"



When the link to the task is selected the user is presented with the following screen:



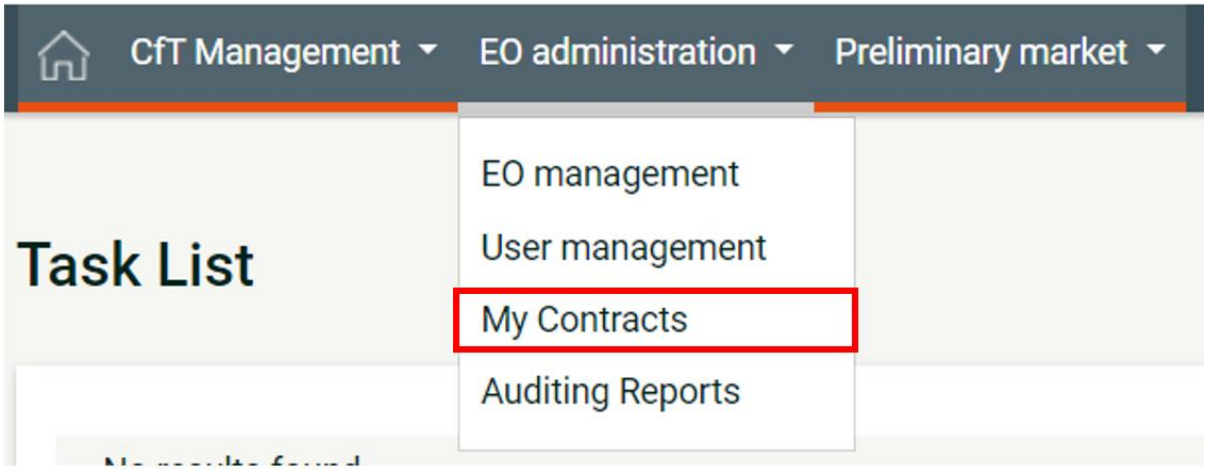
Clicking on the  icon will present the following screen, where the Contracting Authority user can accept the award on behalf of the supplier:

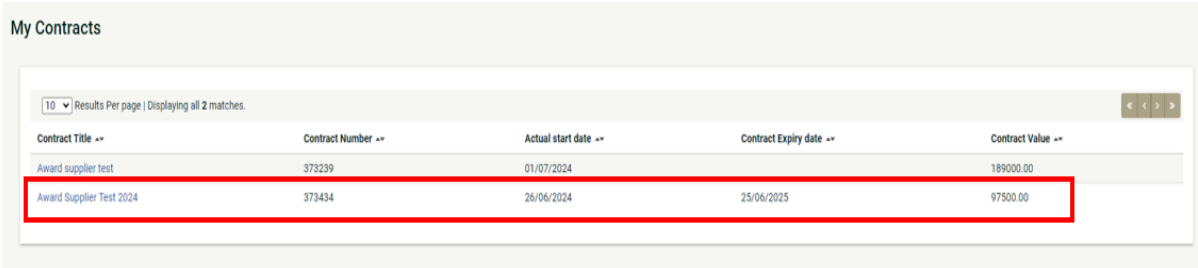


Once you have accepted the contract, you can then progress to the Publish Contract Award Notice task on the task list:

Title	ID	Task
Award Supplier Test 2024	373329	Publish Contract Award Notice

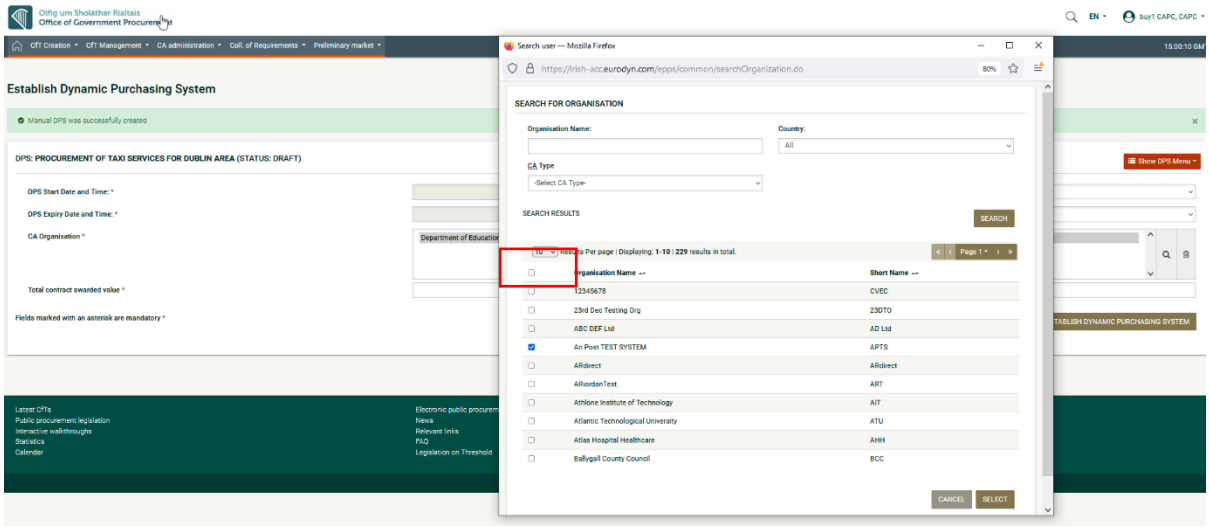
After the Contract Award process is completed, the contract with the supplier can then be created. Once the contract is created and finalised by the Contracting Authority, it will be available to the supplier in the “My Contracts” section:





6. *Multi-page selection of Contracting Authorities within FWA / DPS / QS*

Currently, when a Contracting Authority is creating a Framework Agreement, Dynamic Purchasing System or a Qualification System, they have the opportunity to select other public sector bodies within a specific CA type (e.g. Health) that are eligible to drawdown from these competitions via a CA Organisation search functionality:



While the functionality allowed for the selection of all Contracting Authorities, it was on a "per page" basis and did not include all results but only the one on the presenting pop-up. This meant that the process had to be replicated across multiple pages to ensure all Contracting Authorities from the search result were selected.

As a result of this software update, when the highlighted button above is checked, all the returned results, across all pages, will be selected. This change will apply to all FWA, DPS and QS competitions on the platform.

Important Note:

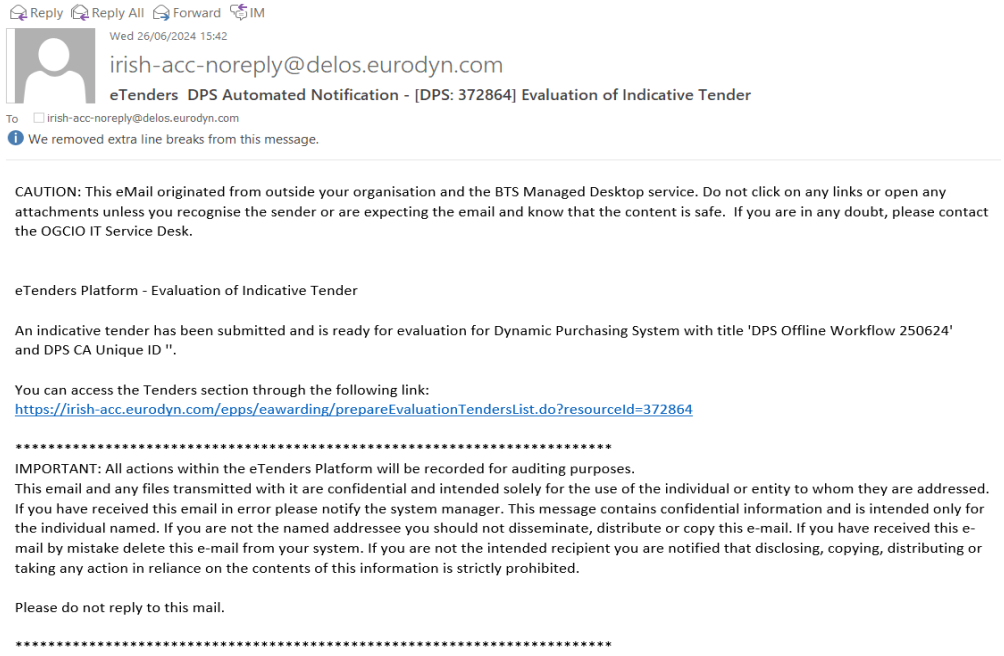
- The selection of CAs that appear in the pop-up is based on the number of CAs that match the search criteria for CA type (e.g. Health) when the FWA/DPS/QS is established. If a new CA is established within the Health sector, it will not be automatically added to the list and this will need to be adjusted manually.

7. URL Redirect for notification emails issued from the platform

The eTenders platform issues notification emails to users, which often contain URLs, as part of the procurement process, e.g. notifications in relation to messages received in the platform. These URLs will require the user to be logged into the platform to view the information. However, if you are not logged in when you click on the associated URL then you are pointed to a page that presented a “Not sufficient rights” message to the user.

As part of this software update, the process around the platform notification messages and the associated URLs has been updated to point the user to the login page and from there to re-direct the user to the correct appropriate location.

Platform Notification Email:



Reply Reply All Forward IM

Wed 26/06/2024 15:42

irish-acc-noreply@delos.eurodyn.com

eTenders DPS Automated Notification - [DPS: 372864] Evaluation of Indicative Tender

To irish-acc-noreply@delos.eurodyn.com

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CAUTION: This eMail originated from outside your organisation and the BTS Managed Desktop service. Do not click on any links or open any attachments unless you recognise the sender or are expecting the email and know that the content is safe. If you are in any doubt, please contact the OGCIO IT Service Desk.

eTenders Platform - Evaluation of Indicative Tender

An indicative tender has been submitted and is ready for evaluation for Dynamic Purchasing System with title 'DPS Offline Workflow 250624' and DPS CA Unique ID ''.

You can access the Tenders section through the following link:
https://irish-acc.eurodyn.com/epps/eawarding/prepareEvaluationTendersList.do?resourceId=372864

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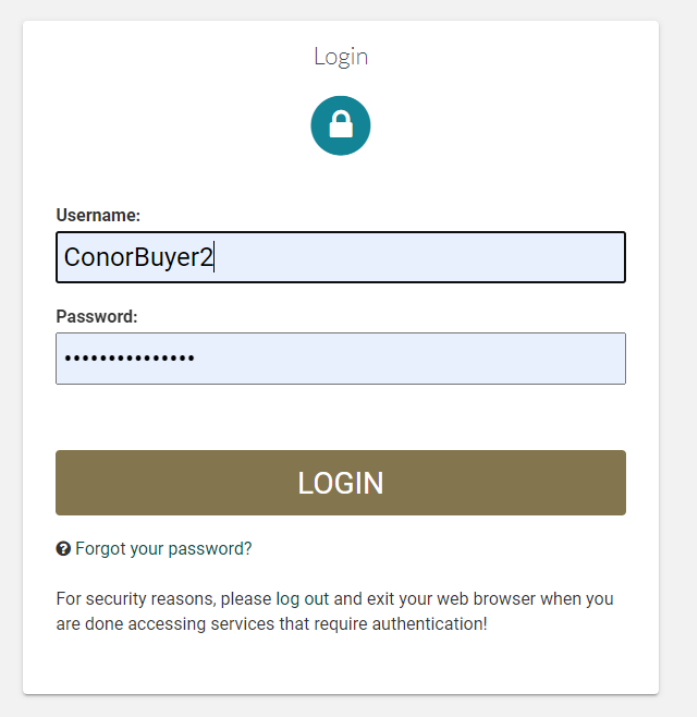

Re-directs to the appropriate location as defined by the URL:

