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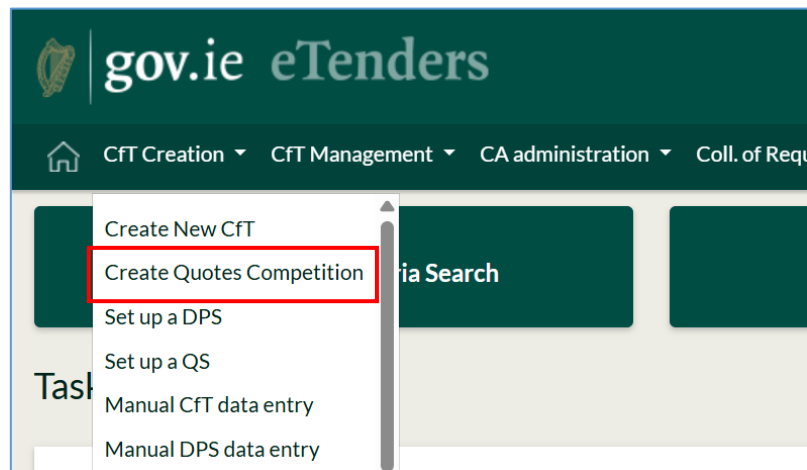
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This document describes software and functionality enhancements that are now available following the deployment of this software update. None of the current features or changes in this release have any impact on the pre-existing functionality if not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

1. New Quotes Competition Functionality

This update introduces a new **Quotes Competition** functionality to the eTenders platform.



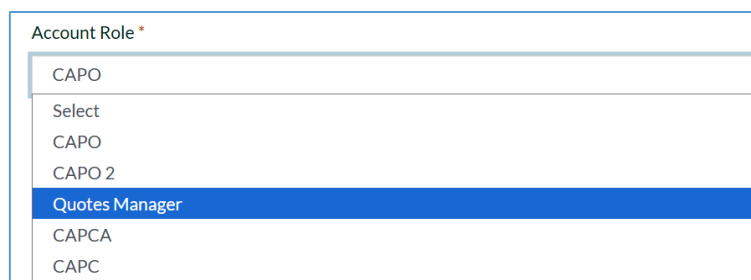
Contracting Authorities may now create a Quotes Competition for low value procurements, invite suppliers to submit quotes, and award the contract on the eTenders platform.

For more information on how this new functionality works, including a step-by-step guide on how to **Publish a Quotes Competition** or **Submit a Quote**, please see the new suite of Guidance Material available via the [Guidance Videos](#) and [Short User Guides](#) sections on the platform.

As with all other CFTs, sections of the **Contract Award Notice** will be pre-filled based on information entered during Quotes Competition creation.

2. Quotes Manager Role

As part of the new Quotes Competition update, a new user role – **Quotes Manager** – has been added.



This user has the same access rights as a CAPO user (thus they will not be allowed to create new CfTs), with the addition they will be able to create and manage **Quotes Competitions**.

Note: Existing Contracting Authority roles (**CAPC**, **CAPCA**, **CAPO2**) which already have CfT creation rights, also have permissions to create Quotes Competitions.

3. Search for Economic Operators – View Organisation Details

When searching for Economic Operator organisations to invite to a competition, Contracting Authority users may now click on the name of the Economic Operator in the search results to view their **Organisation Details**.

SEARCH RESULTS

10 Results Per page | Displaying the 1 match.

☐	Organisation Name ▾	Country ▾	Eircode / Postal Code ▾	Phone Number ▾
☒	Notebook Supplier	Ireland	0	0

CANCEL SELECT

The name of the organisation is a link which, when clicked, opens the **Organisation Details** page. There, the Contracting Authority may view further information about the supplier such as geographical location and contact information.

4. Pre-Registration Functionality

When inviting suppliers to participate in an invitation-only CfT or Quotes Competition, a Contracting Authority may now invite a Supplier who is not yet registered on the eTenders platform.

Invite EO that is not already registered in the system:

example@email.com

Add

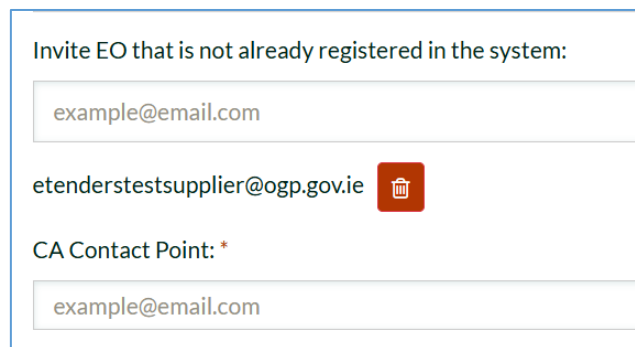
When the Contracting Authority user fills in this field, a pop-up window will appear asking them to confirm that they have already searched for this Economic Operator, and have not found an existing registration for the organisation.

Confirm

Please confirm that you have already searched for this EO in the **advanced** search and you have not found any registration for this Organisation. If an EO account already exists, then the existing account must be invited.

CANCEL OK

Once the Contracting Authority user has confirmed this and entered the supplier's email address, then a new mandatory field - "**CA Contact Point**" - will appear. In this field, the Contracting Authority user must provide a contact email address, which will be included in the invitation to the external Economic Operator.



Invite EO that is not already registered in the system:

example@email.com

etenderstestsupplier@ogp.gov.ie 

CA Contact Point: *

example@email.com

The system will check all external addresses before sending an invitation.

If an Economic Operator account is found associated with the email provided, then a validation error will be shown to the Contracting Authority user advising them that there is already an account for this supplier, and the invitation will not be sent.

If the provided email address is not associated with any existing Economic Operator account, then the system will send an Invitation email to the recipient.

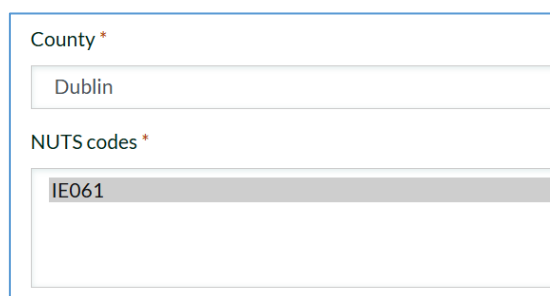
The invited Economic Operator should then register on eTenders. If they do not register before the end of the tender submission deadline, they will not be able to submit a tender.

5. *Place of Performance / NUTS Code in CfT Workspace*

A new field '**Is {NUTS 3 code from the CA Profile} the place of performance?**', now appears on the CfT Workspace when creating a new CfT.

If the user selects '**Yes**' on this field, the NUTS Code field will automatically pre-populate with the NUTS3 Code provided in the Contracting Authority Profile.

Note: The NUTS Code associated with the Contracting Authority Profile must be a **NUTS-3** code in order for this to function. If the Contracting Authority has entered a **NUTS-1** code, such as IE-Éire / Ireland, this field will not pre-fill.



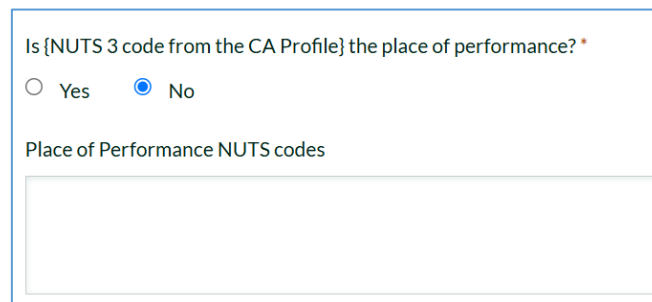
County *

Dublin

NUTS codes *

IE061

If the user selects ‘**No**’ on this field, the NUTS Code field will then appear and may be completed manually by the Contracting Authority.



Is {NUTS 3 code from the CA Profile} the place of performance? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Place of Performance NUTS codes

If a NUTS 3 code is entered into this field, this selection will be used to pre-fill the eForms Contract Notice and CAN fields **Country subdivision (NUTS) * [BT-5071-Procedure]** and **Country subdivision (NUTS) * [BT5071-Lot]**

6. Removal of 'Confidential' field from Messaging

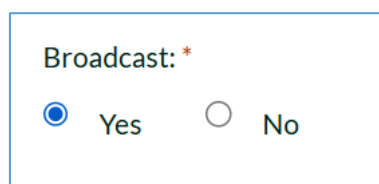
The ‘**Confidential**’ tick box has been removed from the Messaging function for all users.

If the Contracting Authority **wishes for the message to be a confidential correspondence with a single Economic Operator**, they must select ‘**No**’ on the **Broadcast** button when composing their message.

If **No** is selected on the Broadcast button, the Contracting Authority must select the specific Recipient they wish to send the message to. The message will only be visible to selected Recipients.

If a Contracting Authority wishes to **send a message to all Economic Operators within a competition**, they must select ‘**Yes**’ on the **Broadcast** button when composing a message.

If **Yes** is selected on the Broadcast button, the message will be transparent and viewable by all suppliers invited to the competition.



Broadcast: *

☒ Yes ☐ No

7. New Option to View User's CfTs

A new “**View User's CfTs**” button has been added in the “**View Account**” page for all Contracting Authority users.



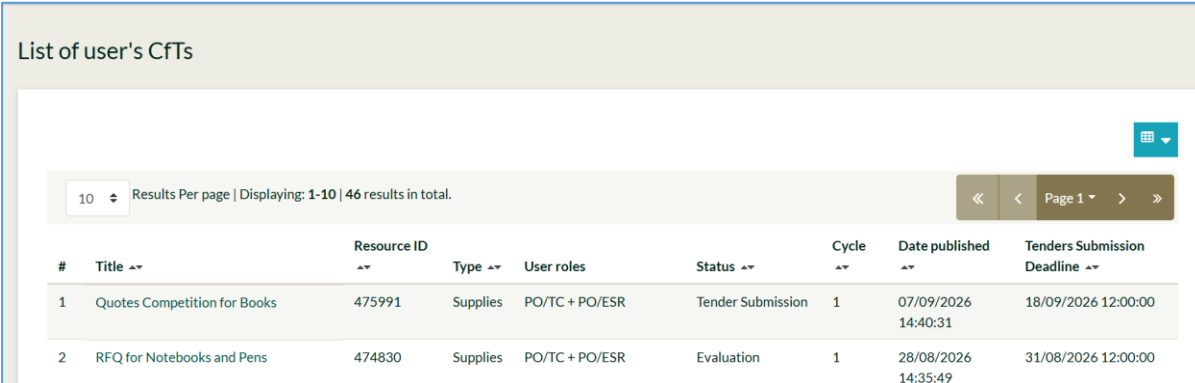
VIEW USER'S CFTS

VIEW WORKAREAS

This button will be available only to Contracting Authority users (of any role) of the same organisation, and to the system administrators.

This functionality will bring up a new '**List of User's Cfts**' page, which will display all Cfts that the user has been associated with in any role.

List of user's Cfts



#	Title ^v	Resource ID ^v	Type ^v	User roles	Status ^v	Cycle ^v	Date published ^v	Tenders Submission Deadline ^v
1	Quotes Competition for Books	475991	Supplies	PO/TC + PO/ESR	Tender Submission	1	07/09/2026 14:40:31	18/09/2026 12:00:00
2	RFQ for Notebooks and Pens	474830	Supplies	PO/TC + PO/ESR	Evaluation	1	28/08/2026 14:35:49	31/08/2026 12:00:00

8. Offline Workflow for QS Competitions

The **QS workflow** has now been enhanced to allow the option to use the **Online questionnaire when defining a tender structure**.

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 QS:

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

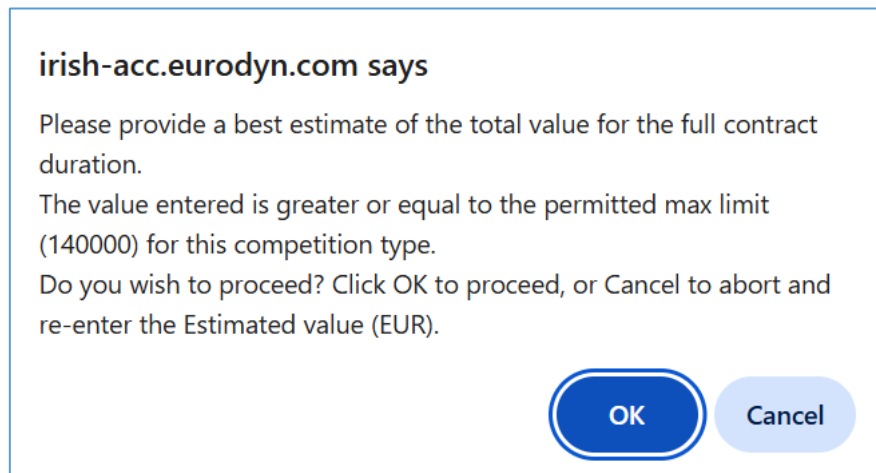
When an Offline Evaluation is selected for a QS, the ESR (Lead evaluator) will not be required to provide a Score or Price, they will only need to approve or reject the application from the supplier from the appropriate dropdown list.

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

9. CfTs with Nominal Values

This update introduces validations for the “**Estimated Value**” field during the CfT Creation, based on the selected Directive/ Procurement Type / Procedure/ Threshold / Contracting Authority Type.

If the value provided by the user is not within the correct range, **the system will present a warning message** in a popup advising the user of the thresholds for the competition type they have selected.



10. CPV Code Notification Email

Every 90 days, the system will send an automated email notification to all active Administrators of Economic Operator Organisations that do not have any CPV codes selected, **reminding them to set up their organisation's CPV codes so that they will receive notifications of new opportunities on the platform.**

11. Changes to Estimated Value Field

The **Internal Estimated Value** field has been **removed** from the Create / Edit CfT pages.

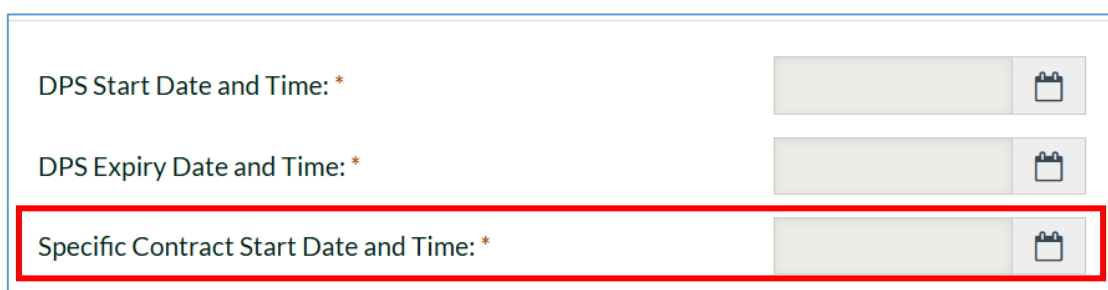
The **Estimated Value** field has become mandatory only when the selected Directive is “**Classic**” and the user has selected “**Above**” in the “Above or Below threshold” field, or for **Quotes Competitions**.

In all other cases, the field **will remain optional** for completion.

12. Changes to DPS Functionality

When evaluating suppliers for admittance to a DPS, as long as the invitation to tender for the first specific procurement under the dynamic purchasing system has not been sent, contracting authorities may extend the evaluation period provided that no invitation to tender is issued during the extended evaluation period.

To this end, a new date/time selection field, named “**Specific Contract Start Date and Time**”, has been added to the Establish DPS page.



The screenshot shows a form with three rows, each containing a label, a text input field, and a calendar icon. The labels are 'DPS Start Date and Time: *', 'DPS Expiry Date and Time: *', and 'Specific Contract Start Date and Time: *'. The third row is highlighted with a red border.

Contracting Authorities will not be able to publish Specific Contracts under a DPS before the “**Specific Contract Start Date and Time**” is reached.

This means that although they will be allowed to create **Draft Specific Contracts**, they will not be allowed to send the invitation. Once the “**Specific Contract Start Date and Time**” is reached, the Contracting Authority will be allowed to send the invitations and publish the Specific Contracts.

The selected date must not be in the past. A validation message will be shown to the user in case a past date is selected.

After the DPS is Established, this field will be publicly visible in the DPS details page.

This field will only be editable in the “**Participants**” page, together with the DPS Start/End fields.

This field will be editable only before the selected Specific Contract start date/time. After that, the field will be no longer editable.

Additionally, this update removes the restriction which prevented invitations to tender being sent while there were suppliers pending evaluation. Where an invitation is sent while an application for admittance is under evaluation, only admitted suppliers will receive the invitation to tender.