



# FIND A TENDER SERVICE (FTS) UPGRADE

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SUMMARISED SEARCH: ONE VIEW. ALL THE INFORMATION YOU NEED.

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## WHAT HAS CHANGED?

The UK Cabinet Office has launched a major upgrade to Find a Tender Service (FTS) search functionality.

The new functionality, known as **Summarised Search**, brings together all notices for a single procurement into one current-state view.



## WHY IT MATTERS

FTS is the primary record for all UK public procurement. The new Summarised Search makes data far more accessible and easier to navigate—helping suppliers, contracting authorities and citizens make better, faster and more transparent decisions.



## WHO BENEFITS?

- ✓ **SUPPLIERS** – Increased market intelligence and easier access to opportunities.
- ✓ **CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES** – Cross-public sector insights for evidence-based procurement decisions.
- ✓ **CITIZENS** – More information about commercial decisions made by the public sector.

SUMMARISED SEARCH COMPILES ALL NOTICES FOR A SINGLE PROCUREMENT INTO ONE CURRENT-STATE VIEW ACROSS THREE AREAS:



### 1. OPPORTUNITIES

Planned and active tenders open to the market.



PA23 data only, from 24 February 2025



### 2. CONTRACTS

Awarded contracts and their current status.



PA23 data only, from 24 February 2025



### 3. COMMERCIAL TOOLS

Frameworks, dynamic markets and dynamic purchasing systems.



PA23 data merged with a separate, manually-collected PCR2015 dataset.

## FOUR KEY IMPROVEMENTS

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### START WITH YOUR QUESTION

Use the search that matches the information you need.

- Looking for current opportunities to bid on? Use Opportunities.
- Want to know which contracts were signed in the last three months? Use Contracts.
- Need to see which commercial tools (frameworks or dynamic marketplaces) are active? Use Commercial Tools.

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### SEE THE LATEST INFORMATION

View the most current status of each procurement upfront.

No more cross-referencing multiple notices. The upgrade uses the Open Contracting Data Standard (OCDS) concept of “compiled releases” to combine data from individual notices into a single, up-to-date record per procurement.



Full history of notices is still available in [Notice Search](#) and via the [FTS API](#).

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### DOWNLOAD THE DATA YOU NEED

Export your search results as a CSV file for further analysis.

Advanced users can access the full FTS dataset via the API, but CSV downloads of filtered results make data accessible to far more users.



Perfect for reporting, market analysis and business development.

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### UNDERSTAND WHAT THE DATA MEANS

Each search includes a data dictionary that documents:

- ✓ Fields included in the results
- ✓ Definitions of each field
- ✓ OCDS data fields and transformations performed



Provides clarity and helps you interpret the data with confidence.

## THE IMPACT



### FOR SUPPLIERS

- ✓ Find relevant opportunities faster
- ✓ Better market intelligence
- ✓ Easier analyse procurement activity
- ✓ Stronger business development



### FOR CONTRACTING AUTHORITIES

- ✓ Better quality data and insight
- ✓ Evidence-based procurement decisions
- ✓ Greater efficiency and transparency
- ✓ Cross-public sector benchmarking



### FOR CITIZENS

- ✓ More visibility of public spending
- ✓ Greater accountability
- ✓ Improved transparency in commercial decisions



### QUICK TIPS

- ✓ Use the search area that matches your need.
- ✓ Review the latest procurement status at a glance.
- ✓ Download results for deeper analysis.
- ✓ Use the data dictionary for clarity and confidence.



### KEY MESSAGE

FTS Summarised Search provides one up-to-date view of procurement activity, helping users find opportunities faster, understand contract status more easily, and analyse procurement data with greater confidence.



EXPLORE SUMMARISED SEARCH TODAY: <https://www.find-tender.service.gov.uk/search/opportunities>



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