

# Procurement Board

## Communiqué

At Procurement Board on the 11 December 2014, the focus of the meeting was to learn about progress made on the eTrading Acceleration Project (Etap), learn more about spend analysis with updates from the e-procurement service (eps) and National Procurement Service (NPS).

- As responsibility and ownership for Procurement Board had now transferred to the Minister for Finance and Government Business, the Minister was in attendance at the meeting to provide Procurement Board with an overview of her priorities. Since the last meeting the Minister had met with sector representatives on an individual basis to understand where things were and weren't working within each of the sectors. The Minister took the opportunity ask Board members to promote the Procurement Awards and to encourage nominations from their sectors.
- The Board were presented with further examples from the Spend Analysis findings and heard that data extraction for 13/14 had already begun. From the 12/13 analysis, 55% was won by Wales based suppliers, a figure that had increased by three percentage points from 2010/11. The Board recognised the importance of the spend analysis exercise and asked for real examples to be provided for the next meeting.
- Barney Markham and Amabel Grant from Procserve were in attendance to provide an update on progress made on the eTrading Acceleration Project (Etap). Despite a good number of organisations being engaged, usage of trading services has been lower than hoped and the eTap approach was looking at an intensive piece of change management. The vision was to increase capability for all public sector organisations where we need to provide support. Findings from this work were that senior level sponsorship was key to ensure buy-in and was required from the Welsh public sector as a whole.
- The Board were presented with a revised dashboard that had been created to monitor adoption of the Wales Procurement Policy Statement (WPPS). A number of improvements had been made to the dashboard and the Board recognised the importance and value of this data. Targets would be looked at prior to the next meeting to make the data more meaningful.
- The NPS had currently let four frameworks and there were two more in the pipeline. The NPS have recorded £2.7m savings this year and aim to achieve their stretch target of £4.2m.
- There was discussion around governance of the Board and for the next meeting in February the Board would sign off the Outline Business Case for the Home Grown Talent project and Benefits methodology for eps.

### **Next meeting:**

- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015: 2pm – 4pm