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Service Definition  
ELCOM eSourcing



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## ELCOM

Optimise and energise your organisation by simplifying and digitalising your Supply Chain processes. Save your time and money, with limited change and no hassle. Our tailored solutions provide you with easy-to-use tools that guarantee better financial control and greater transparency of spend, in everything from local SMEs to the most complex global organisations. It's straightforward, paper-free and adapted to your specific business needs.

Elcom's understanding of a "customer-centric" approach is much more than just a series of processes to deliver the best experience to our customers. It involves how we – as trusted partners – appreciate the solution requirements and most importantly how we identify, create, capture, monitor and measure the value created. It is crucial for us to listen to our customers' feedback and also to address their expectations. We always work in collaboration with our customers and adopt a proactive approach.

EVOLVE Spend Management is an all-in-one flexible solution that can be easily tailored to any sector-specific requirement. EVOLVE is deployed in complex Public Sector organisations and collaboratives helping to reduce system fragmentation and ease collaboration.

Customers can subscribe to one or more of the following service options. Where several options are subscribed to, the elements are integrated, including sourcing and purchasing.



### Today

We make eProcurement smarter, more connected and transparent while helping our customers trade, and save money.



### Tomorrow

Working on transforming eProcurement all over the supply chain making it accessible for all users and sectors.



### Always

As loyal partners, our teams of experts are committed to lead the way and be supportive to maximize outputs.

## ELCOM eSourcing

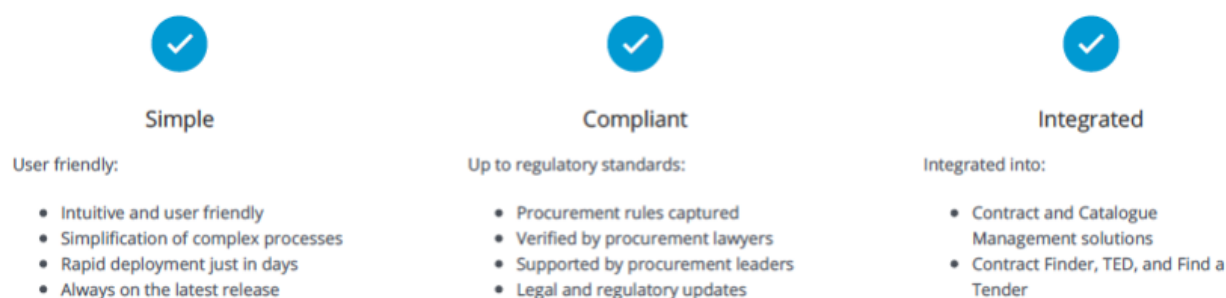
A comprehensive eSourcing solution to manage complex procurement procedures. It covers Electronic notices, RFx, eEvaluation, eAuction, full integration with OJEU and Contracts Finder. A simple, efficient and compliant solution for rapid deployment. Onerous tasks are removed from the procurement cycle without compromising security, quality and effectiveness of the system.

### The Challenges

- Complicated procedures and regulations
- Takes too long and generates too much paper
- Difficult to control and audit
- Procurement staff lack support for complex procurement issues
- Systems are not user friendly or intuitive
- Have long implementation timescales
- Allow deviation from legal processes

### The Solution

- A simple and intuitive approach
- Enforces compliance with legal and regulatory requirements
- Fully trained and experienced support team
- Single Public Sector supplier database, with free registration
- Full integration with Sourcing Cloud Contract
- Rapid deployment so customers can be up and running in under a week
- Publish to OJEU and Contracts Finder



## ELCOM eAuction

eAuction allows suppliers to compete with each other in a real-time bidding environment. You can manage complex and challenging negotiations using multiple formats. Provides procurement professionals with competitive prices generating significant cost savings for your procurement department.



## ELCOM Tracker

Tracker is designed to manage complex workplans and CIP from idea to implementation, allowing project management across an organisation or a collaborative group.



All solutions are mobile enabled.

Associated service functionality includes:

- Reporting and Management Information
- Data Warehousing priced on specification
- Interfaces with other systems, for example ERP or Finance systems priced on specification.

UK public sector requirements have heavily influenced service development since 2001 and the solution fully meets UK public sector needs including management of VAT.

Elcom was been accredited at IL2 by OGC and undergoes regular security penetration via Government Security experts.

Elcom has managed the information security risks associated with hosting transactional procurement services for its client organisations for over 10 years. Elcom's reputation is built upon the security, reliability and resilience of its service. All aspects of the operational systems are controlled. Elcom operates to an equivalent standard of ISO2700 and is in the course of obtaining formal ISO27005 certification.



## Pricing

Please see separate Pricing Document and SFIA Rates.

## Hosting and Backup

Hosting is provided in the Scottish Governments secure data centre. We provide full backup/restore services. Disaster Recovery is part of our standard Service Level Agreement. We offer both Escrow and archiving arrangements and, as a chargeable option, hot backup.

## Minimum Length of Contract

Our minimal contract term is one year for all solutions with exception of the P2P which is two years. This is the realistic time required for the service to be properly embedded and start delivering benefits in a typical public body, particularly where the service is interfaced with other systems.

## Service Levels

Service Levels and service management provisions are detailed in our model terms and conditions. System availability is as follows:

| Environment                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Scheduled Hours of On-Line Availability |
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| Production                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 7x24x365*                               |
| Development and Test                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Mondays – Fridays*     |
| Measurement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Downtime is measured from the time a problem record is opened and the outage has been coded until the problem has been resolved and service has been restored. The vendor tool must be used to track and measure the availability objective. |                                         |
| Target Performance                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 99.5% compliance with target service level                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                         |
| Period of Review                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Monthly                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                         |
| Elcom will make available their web accessible, self-service, service desk tool, which is available 24x7x365 for logging calls related to service availability issues. Calls are monitored and updated throughout established service desk hours until issues are resolved. Additionally, Elcom provides phone support to expedite reports and the resolution of any availability related issues. Elcom uses the audit trail of calls logged for measuring and reporting any downtime during the month. Elcom can also provide reports to identify the root causes and corrective actions associated with any downtime events. |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                         |



## **Service Constraints**

User organisations can request some customisation of the appearance of the service (for example corporate branding) and can switch on or off some elements of functionality. Bespoking of functionality for individual organisations is not offered through G-Cloud.

## **Training**

Implementation fees include organisational set up and training for all types of users. Our preferred approach is to "train the trainer". Our solutions are easy and intuitive to use and training will generally be a half day familiarisation process. There is also dedicated system administration training for a very small number of local users.

## **Implementation (On-Boarding)**

Our highly experienced implementation team works with customers during all aspects of implementation. We use a standard, proven methodology which is flexible to match local requirements. More than 100,000 suppliers to the UK public sector are already on-board including more than 1000 punch-out connections. Implementation includes all necessary training. Elcom has a dedicated integration team and already has interfaces established with multiple ERP/Finance systems.

## **Termination (Off-Boarding)**

At termination Elcom can take an extract from the production environment and extract only the customer's information. All data is stored in an Oracle database and any extracts provided would be in a character delimited format or an Oracle extract /export.

Importing the Oracle extract/export into a new system would be the responsibility of the incoming supplier. Additionally, Elcom can provide a scoped professional service engagement to provide data in a format which the customer requires.

If individual customers request destruction of customer data including archived backup data this would be quoted as a professional service.

## **Customer Requirements**

We expect that customers will:

- Satisfy themselves of their network capabilities to implement e-Commerce
- Establish the level of business change with which they are comfortable and
- Establish a project team to manage the change/implementation appropriately, for example against PRINCE2 project methodology or equivalent



## **Technical Requirements**

Elcom's solution requires only an internet connection in normal use. There will be an initial requirement to check local firewall configuration as part of the implementation process when local network loading will also be assessed.

## **Other Client Software**

For management reporting purposes we offer a number of options from native reports to data download to a reporting environment of your choice.

## **Open Standards**

Elcom works on the open cXML standard and has recently achieved certification as a PEPPOL Access point using the Java Oxalis API.

## **Open Source Software**

Elcom uses open source software where appropriate. Currently this includes:

- Tomcat
- Java
- Oxallis
- SEAM
- JBoss
- Soap
- PostFix
- Talend
- Linux
- PLS

## **Trial Service**

We would be happy to discuss the provision of our solutions on a trial basis.





## **Contracting/Contact**

To discuss your requirements or arrange a no-obligations demonstration please contact in the first instance:

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