# Step-by-Step Supplier Guide

to

Asia Pacific Electronic
Procurement Network
Electronic Government (e-GP)
System



# **Part One - Introduction**

This **Step-By-Step Guide** is provided to guide companies in using the In-tend electronic government procurement (e-GP) system. The system is being used by numerous countries across the Asia Pacific. This therefore provides an unrivalled opportunity for accessing bid opportunities for free from across the region. Please be aware that this means that each organisation in each country may be managing the processes in different ways, so precise configuration of each tender may vary.

Another user guide is provided to guide companies through the registration process onto the website.

After registering on the website, you will be able to maintain company information, return tender submissions and maintain company documentation in a secure area via the internet.

This guide is divided into the below parts:

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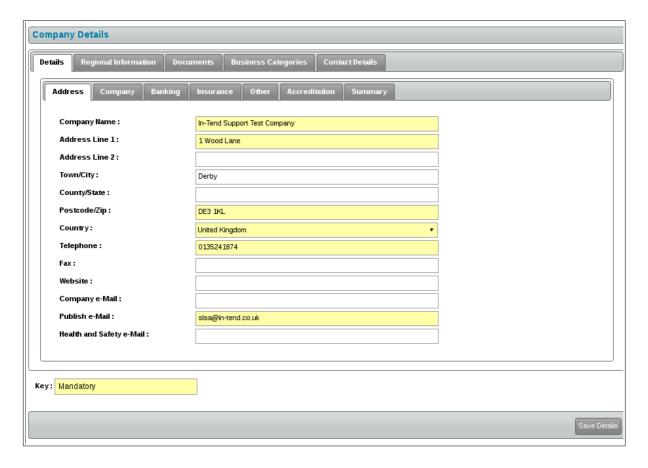
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### Part Two - Managing Company Details

After registration, any company information can subsequently be modified when logged in to the website, through the **Company Details** section on the top menu bar. From here any company information, contact details, company documents and business classifications can be modified.

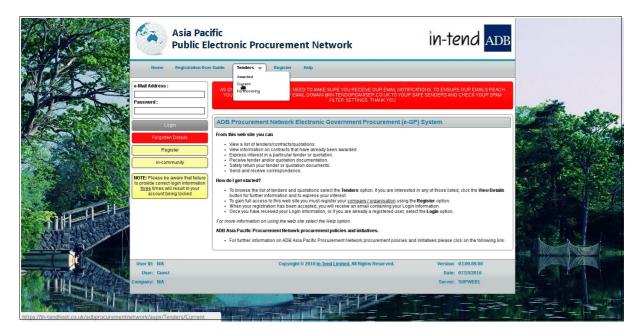


Please note that it is important that company details are kept up to date, particularly contact email addresses – email addresses must be correct in order to receive email notifications of ongoing tender participation and alerts of new tender opportunities.

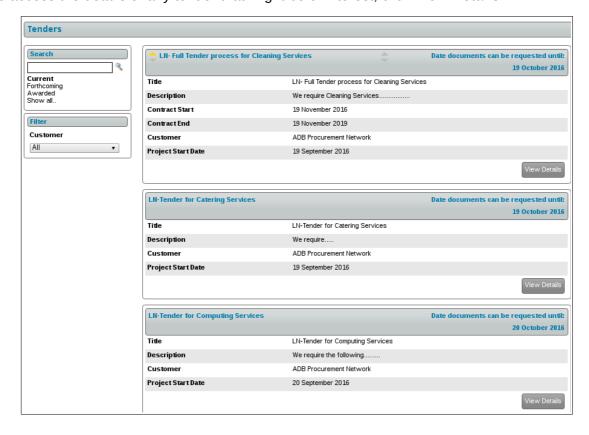


# **Part Three - Finding Tender Opportunities**

To access tender opportunities, hover over the **Tenders** section at the top menu bar and then click on **Current**. This will present a full list of current tender opportunities that are publicly available from any countries using the e-GP system.



To access the details of any tender that might be of interest, click View Details.



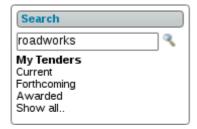


If there is an extensive list of public tenders available, it is possible to search through the database to identify any tenders of interest.

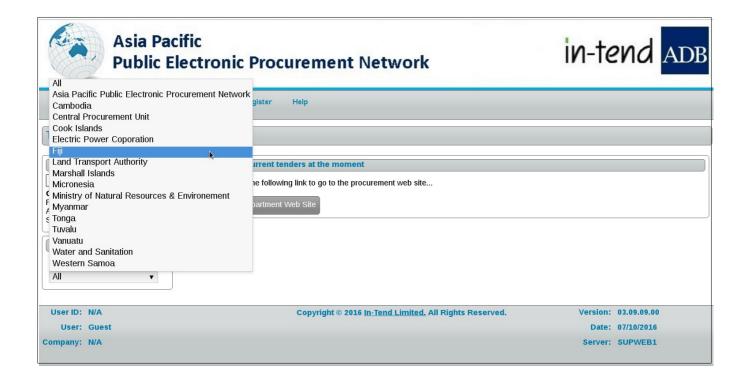
The search filter allows searching by simple keyword. The search can then be filtered based on the tenders that are desired:

**Current** – all public tenders

**Awarded** – any tenders that have been completed and the contract has been awarded **My Tenders** – all tenders that the company is associated with



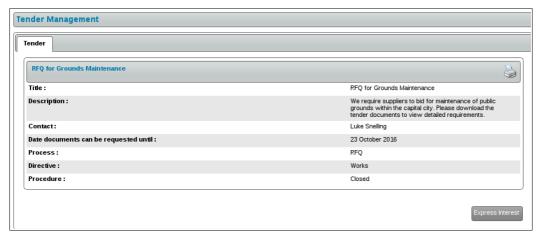
The tenders can then also be filtered down based on the specific purchasing entity. Clicking on Customer will bring up a selection of the purchasing entities that are registered to publish tenders through to the website.





### Part Four - Submitting a Bid

From this area, clicking **Express Interest** will allow more details of the tender to be viewed and will allow the downloading and viewing of any tender documents. Expressing interest can only be completed by companies with an account registered on this website.



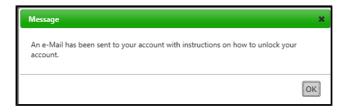
Once expressing interest in the tender, a red bar will provide an instant status of the tender. For example, "Your return has not yet been sent".



When logging in to the website to express interest, please note that three failed log in attempts will lead to the account being locked. Please click the **Forgotten your Password** button to prevent the account being locked. This can be unlocked by clicking the "Unlock Account" button.

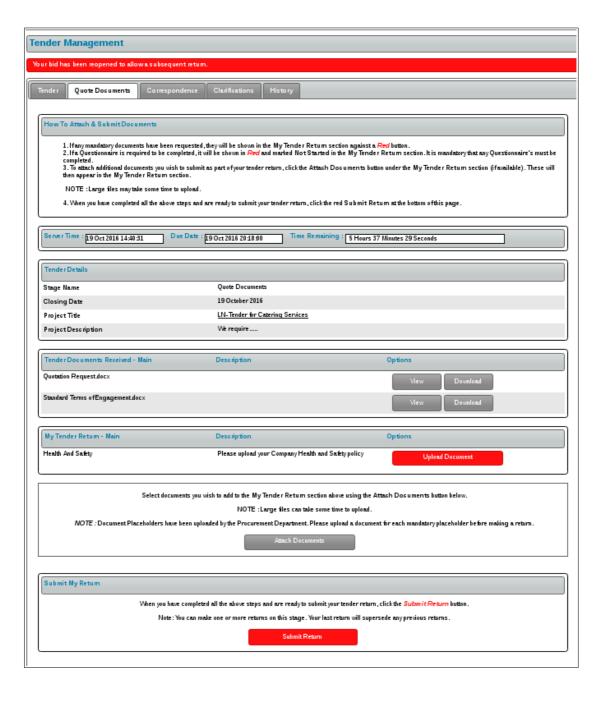


An email will be automatically sent to the registered email address containing a link which can be used to unlock the account.





After logging in to the website, clicking on the My Tenders area (by hovering over Tenders) will bring up the list of tenders that the company is participating in. Clicking **View Details** will present the details of the selected tender.





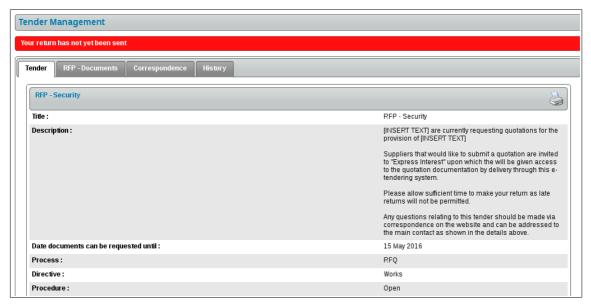
The below tabs will be visible:

Tender: Basic overview of tender details.

Second tab (e.g. "Quote Documents" - name may be specific to tender): Tender documents and bid submission area.

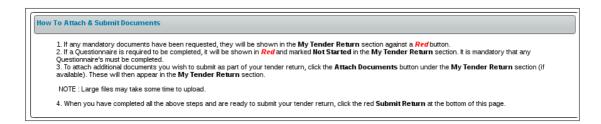
**Correspondence:** Feature for sending questions or messages to the purchasing entity.

**History:** Brief overview of the company's historical involvement in this tender.



Clicking on the second tab (e.g. "Quote Documents") presents a few key areas:

**How to Attach and Submit Documents:** Brief guidance on how to upload any documents required and submit the bid.



**Server Time:** The server time will display the current time and time of the bidding deadline. This will be in the local time of the purchasing entity, but the time zone may also be shown.





**Tender Documents Received**: View and/or download tender documents provided by the purchasing entity, e.g. technical specifications, etc



My Tender Return\*: The bidding documents that will be submitted. Please note that if any specific bidding documents have been requested by the purchasing entity, they will be shown in this section with a *Red* upload button. These are mandatory, so a document must be uploaded before the bid can be submitted. Any other documents can be provided through the Attach Documents button within the My Tender Return section at the bottom of the screen. If a questionnaire or online form is required for completion, it will be shown in *Red* and marked as Not Started in the My Tender Return section. It is mandatory that any questionnaires or online forms are completed before the bid can be submitted.



**Attach Documents** (if available): Any additional documents may be uploaded as part of the bid. These will be uploaded into the My Tender Return section.

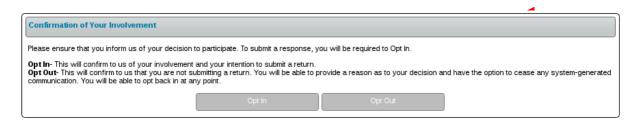
Select documents you wish to add to the My Tender Return section above using the Attach Documents button below.
NOTE: Large files can take some time to upload.
NOTE: Document Placeholders have been uploaded by the Procurement Department. Please upload a document for each mandatory placeholder before making a return.
Attach Documents

**Submit Return:** The bid can be submitted once all required documents have been uploaded. A bid value might be required to be provided – the purchasing entity may simply request this is provided within the bid documents submitted.

Submit My Return		
Bidding Details:		
Value:		
Currency:	New Zealand Dollar (NZD)	
When you have completed all the above steps and are ready to submit your tender return, click the Submit Return button.		
Note: You can make one or more returns on this stage. Your last return will supersede any previous returns.		
Submit Return		



\*If the My Tender Return area is not visible, a confirmation of involvement may be required.



By clicking Opt In, the My Tender Return area will now be available. This should only be done with the intention of submitting a bid. Opting out then ensures that future communication will not be received regarding this tender.

Once the bid has been submitted, a **Return Receipt** will be presented, which confirms all the details of the bid submission. This will always be available to view within the **History** tab of each individual tender.





# Part Five - Revising Bid

Returning to this screen in future will present the bid that has been submitted, with the submitted documents available.

If for any reason the bid needs to be revised, this can be achieved on this page by clicking on Modify Return. This will allow the documents and bid value to be replaced. Please be aware that this will override the initial bid, so any documents that should be considered as part of the bid must be submitted as part of the new bid. When revising the bid, make sure to click Submit Return again to send the revised bid.

Return Submitted	
You have made a previous return for this tender on 21 September 2016	
It is possible to modify the your return by selecting the 'Modify Return' button. Please note that any documents not included in the subsequent return will not be considered. All tender documents you wish to return must be included in your modified bid as this replaces your first and existing bids.	
You must press the 'Submit' button again, in order to submit any subsequent modified returns.	
Modify Return	



# Part Six - Correspondence and Questions

The correspondence feature allows any sending or receiving of communication with the purchasing entity. Correspondence can be conducted at any time, but may be used for asking questions during the tender process or for receiving any further information or documents from the purchasing entity.

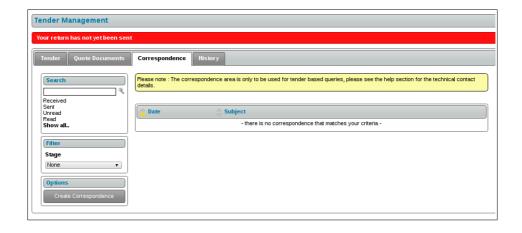
On the homepage of the website when logged in, any unread correspondence will be highlighted in red – this link can be clicked on to view any messages. Whenever correspondence is received, an email notification will be sent to the registered email address. However, the content of the message can only be viewed upon logging in to the website.



To send any questions to the purchasing entity, click on the Correspondence tab when viewing the tender.

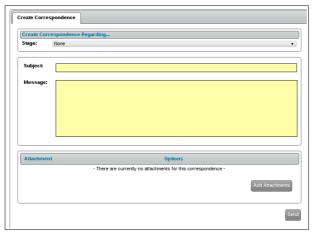


Within this area, click Create Correspondence on the bottom of the screen.

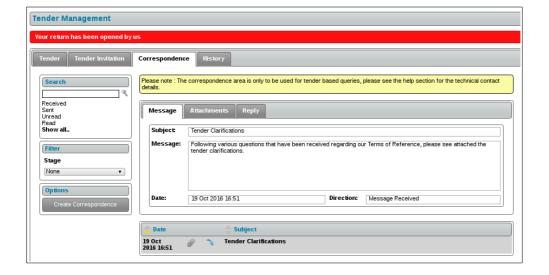




The creation of a message is very similar to sending an email – it requires a subject line and a message. Any documents can then be attached and the message sent by clicking Send.



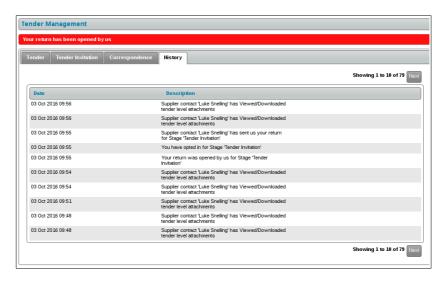
When messages are then received, this can be viewed. Separate tabs are available for viewing/downloading any documents received or replying to the message.





## Part Seven - Tender History

Within each individual tender, the final tab is dedicated to highlighting the entire history of the company within each individual tender. This includes all key actions and dates. When bids have been submitted, the receipt provided as evidence will be available and can be redownloaded from here at any time.



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