

How Does Group Purchasing Work?

Contracts are competitively bid, evaluated, and awarded by a using a fair, open, transparent competitive solicitation process that ensures compliance with the Canadian Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) and other regional and national trade agreements.

Each solicitation contains language that advises all suppliers that the contract may be used by other Broader Public Sector entities as well as non-profits throughout Canada.

Once award letters are issued, contracts are available for immediate use or "piggy-backing" by Broader Public Sector entities as well as non-profits.



Using GPO's vs. Traditional Procurement Process

Group Purchasing: Efficient, Easy 4-Step Process

STEP 1 STEP 2 STEP 3 STEP 4 Research GPO's for Utilize Cooperative Identify the Approval by board or governing body a contract specific Contract purchasing to your needs needs

Traditional Procurement: Lengthy Process (often 8 weeks+)

STEP 1

needs

STEP 2

STEP 3

STEP 4

STEP 5

STEP 6

Identify the purchasing



Write RFx/ bid specific to the need





Solicit responses to RFx/Bid



Review responses to RFx/Bid

 \otimes Approval by Board or Governing Body

Procurement Departments continue to have to do more with less.

 $42\% \text{ are being stretched or } \\ \text{working extra hours.}$





81 % indicated they need improvement

in market alignment, knowledge and expertise.



report struggles with conducting pre-bid research & planning.



18% of purchasing teams are struggling to meet contract deadlines.

When Broader Public Sector Entities conduct their own solicitation process:

The average RFx process lasts a duration of

56



On average

required documents

or data fields are requested from respondents

The average RFx has



per RFx for scoring criteria

The average RFx submission is

pages long





of scoring activity occurred outside of normal business hours

Kinetic GPO can help you save time and money



CFTA Compliant



No Fees to Participate



Open to Any Broader **Public Sector Entity**



RFSO's Advertised on Biddingo, Bonfire, & Merx



No Volume Commitments



Policies & Procedures Are Fair, Open, & Transparent



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