

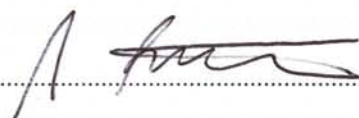
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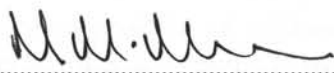
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Compliance

This Network Rail standard is mandatory and shall be complied with by Network Rail and its contractors if applicable from 04 December 2010.

When this standard is implemented, it is permissible for all projects that have formally completed GRIP Stage 4 to continue to comply with the Issue of any relevant Network Rail Standards current when GRIP Stage 4 was reached and not to comply with requirements contained herein, unless the designated Standard Owner has stipulated otherwise in the accompanying Briefing Note.

Reference documentation

Connect	Business Conduct Policy
Connect	Delegation of Authority & Signing and Sealing of Documents
NR/L1/CPR/102	Sourcing and Supplier Governance
NR/L1/CPR/103	Supplier Assurance Framework
NR/L2/EBM/029	Product Introduction & Change
	Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (2007)
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1 Purpose

Network Rail spends in excess of £3.5bn annually on goods, works and services from third parties. The optimal management of this expenditure is critical to achieving our corporate objectives and goals.

This document sets out the policy for the procurement of all goods, works and services and contract management.

2 Scope

This Policy applies to all Network Rail employees for all third party expenditure.

3 Guiding Principles

3.1 Mission Statement - 'Intelligent Procurement'

'We shall conduct our procurement activities in a way that supports business objectives; fosters a partnership approach with suppliers and customers; obtains best value using contracting and market knowledge and embeds integrity and transparency in everything we do'.

3.2 Health, Safety and Environment

Network Rail shall incorporate appropriate safety, health and environmental requirements into the contracts for all goods, works and services. Network Rail shall also seek to improve the overall sustainability of its supply chain on an ongoing basis, across all three pillars of social, environmental and economic sustainability. Suppliers shall be actively encouraged to continuously improve their performance in all of these areas.

3.3 Objectivity/Transparency

Network Rail shall conduct its procurement activities in an objective manner with all decisions being made on the basis of documented, clear and coherent strategies and assessments that are compliant with European Union regulations.

3.4 Adherence to Policy and Process

Network Rail shall conduct all procurement activities in accordance with Contracts & Procurement policies, procedures, work instructions and guidance notes whilst utilising the approved tools and templates as published on Connect.

3.5 Early Engagement

As part of any procurement activity Contracts & Procurement shall be engaged and consulted at the outset and prior to the commencement of any interaction with suppliers. This shall protect the interests of Network Rail, monitor compliance with corporate and procurement policies and deliver the maximum business benefit to the Company.

3.6 Business Conduct

All interactions with third parties shall be compliant with NR Business Conduct Policy as published on Connect.