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Contracts Finder

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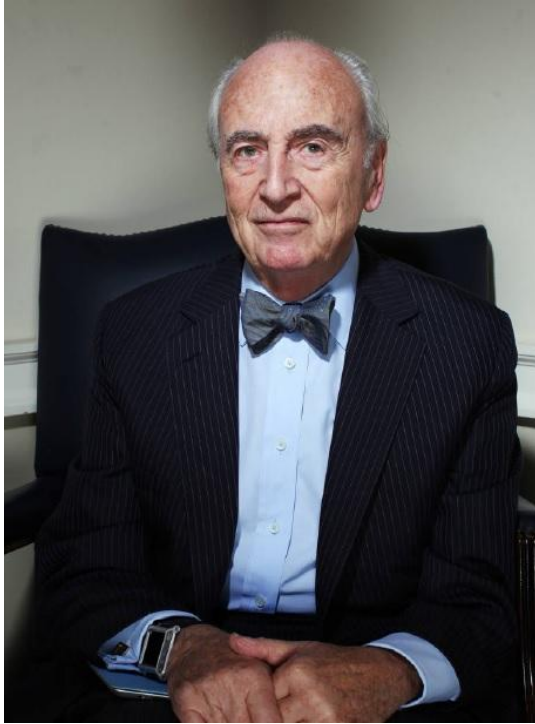
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What is Contracts Finder?



- Contracts Finder 1: Launched in 2011
- Free to access contract opportunity database
- Considered “Adequate” Advertising by Gov’t
- Use of Contracts Finder not mandatory

The Lord Young Review 2013



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Scope of the review

- Consultation with small business
- Review of Public Procurement

The Lord Young Review 2013

Report Findings & Recommendations

- Identified three key elements for growth:
 - Confidence
 - Capability
 - Coherence
- Identified that most economic growth is attributable to firms with fewer employees

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Report Findings & Recommendations

- “Single Market Commitment” for Public Sector Procurement
- Abolition of PQQs for below EU threshold procurements
- The need to make this commitment a legal requirement

So how is this now mandated?

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 102

PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

The Public Contracts Regulations 2015

Made - - - -

4th February 2015

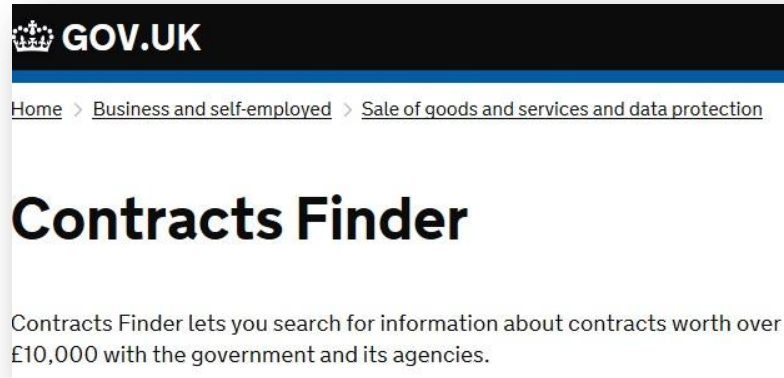
Laid before Parliament

5th February 2015

Public Contracts Regulations 2015

- Brings the revised EU Public Procurement Directive into UK law
- Additional regulations added that legally enforce recommendations from the Young Review
- This includes the mandatory use of Contracts Finder

The New Contracts Finder



- Contracts Finder 2: Launched February 2015
- Now part of GOV.UK online portal
- Mandatory requirement for publication of contract opportunities AND all contract awards valued over £25k

Contracts Finder- Contract Opportunities

- Requirement for opportunities to be advertised even if already advertised on OJEU
- Can be searched without registering

The screenshot shows the GOV.UK Contracts Finder interface. At the top, it says 'GOV.UK Contracts Finder' and 'BETA This is a new service – your feedback will help us improve it.' with a 'Sign in' link. The main heading is 'Search results' with the text 'We've found 4 contracts in your selected area.' Below this are filter sections: 'Keywords' (University of the west of england), 'Notice type' (Opportunity selected, 4 results), 'Notice status' (Open selected, 4 results), and 'Location of contract'. On the right, a 'Sort results' dropdown is set to 'Relevance'. The first result is 'Cleaning Services: Centre For Sport' by 'University Of The West Of England'. The description states: 'This tender will be for the routine daily cleaning of the Centre for Sport and Wallscourt Farm Gym at UWE. The Centre for Sport on the Frenchay Campus encompasses an 8 badminton court hall, large fitness suite, aerobics studio, squash courts and associated spaces. The centre needs cleaning on a daily basis on weekdays throughout the year and ad hoc ...'. Contract details include: 'Contract location South West', 'Contract value £250k', 'Publication date 01/06/2015', 'Closing date 06/07/2015', 'Notice type Opportunity', and 'Notice status Open'. A link for 'Recognised Provider List for Provision of Dire...' is also visible.

Contracts Finder- Contract Awards

- New requirement to publish all awarded contracts over £25k value
- Framework call-offs also need to be published

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