



Risks and costs should be borne appropriately, proportional to the work scope and the opportunity for good performance should benefit everyone.



Tender processes and evaluation should be based on valueadded rather than unit rates and be flexible to evaluate alternative offers as part of the bidding process.



Contractual terms and conditions will seek to utilise industry standards including mutual payment terms. Buyers shall strive towards supporting the Government Prompt Payment Code and 30-day payment terms.



An alternate bid (either technical or commercial) which a buyer sees as a winning proposition should be selected for award on its merit



All parties should ensure they have the competence and skills to deliver the work being tendered.



Buyers and suppliers should discourage the practice of "low-ball" bidding which will lead to contracts being renegotiated early on.



Contract cancellations should not be without good reason or cause. If buyers and suppliers must have the ability to terminate a contract, the circumstance or risk should be outlined, explained and understood



Buyers should agree clear rate escalation mechanisms and move away from the practice of fixing labour rates for several years.



Purchasers shall endeavour to optimise their tendering and audit requirements to respect the supplier's time and resources.



Where a supplier (or potential supplier) feels unfairly treated, it should notify the buyer's CEO to ensure that speaking up is not held against it.

Supply Chain Principles Awards



OEUK Supply Chain Principles Awards, based on results from our Working as One survey, celebrate companies who are committed to good procurement practice and who show positive collaborative behaviour. Purchasing organisations are presented with a Gold, Silver, or Bronze award dependent on the feedback from their supply chain who evaluate their adherence to the supply chain principles.