



Publication of procurement plans – New-Zealand



Public Procurement Principle: **Accountability**



Procurement Stage: **Pre-tendering**



Audience: **Policy makers, Procuring entity**

Description

In New Zealand, the Annual Procurement Plans of government agencies are made public. They contain an indicative list of contracts envisaged over the next twelve months and should be sent to the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). The Ministry then publishes the procurement plans as a consolidated list on its website. In addition to an annual plan, government organisations must also submit an Extended Procurement Forecast (EPF) and a Significant Procurement Plan (SPP) to the Ministry for the following contracts:

- Contracts with an estimated total value of more than NZD 5 million over the life of the contract.
- Contracts that, due to their nature or complexity, could expose the government to significant risks if they are not performed according to original specifications, within budget and on time.
- Contracts that potentially involve inter-governmental collaboration or resource sharing.

The EPF is a list of the contracts planned for the next 4 years, while the SPP gives more details on the contracts the agency intends to enter into, how it wishes to carry out the process, the method used for awarding the contract and the evaluation of bids. The SSP must be reviewed by the MBIE, which in turn provides the public body with comments and advice on the content of the plan, its consistency with public procurement rules, the appropriate assessment of costs and risks, the types of contracts envisaged, and the areas in which the development of supply capacity should be concentrated. This assessment enables bodies to improve procurement planning, better optimise resources over the life of the contracts and identify opportunities for collaboration with other bodies. It must inevitably be taken into account by the public body.

Source: OECD (2020), [Integrity Review of Public Procurement in Quebec, Canada: A Strategic Approach to Corruption Risks](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

