

NOVA SCOTIA PROCUREMENT PORTAL LAUNCH DETAILS FOR SUPPLIERS FEBRUARY 2023



On February 13th, 2023, Nova Scotia Procurement will be switching over to a new web service designed to be faster, easier to navigate, user-friendly and more secure. You will find updated and detailed information about public procurement policies and tender opportunities in Nova Scotia.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will my TONS notices continue?

No. Suppliers will need to create an account on the Portal if they wish to use advanced features such as the new Tender Opportunities Notification Service (TONS) and to track tenders of interest on their watchlist. Existing TONS accounts will be deactivated; new accounts must be created through the new Portal after it launches. If suppliers choose not to create an account, the public view of tender, standing offer and ALTP notices will be available on the tender opportunities Dashboard page.

When can I access the new Portal?

The Portal will be accessible at the **end of the business day on February 13th, 2023.**

Will training be available?

Yes, training sessions will be offered. Several webinars have been scheduled for the week of February 6th, 2023. Click [here](#) to register. If additional training is required post launch, please contact us at supdev@novascotia.ca

What happens to the tender and ALTP data on the existing PTO application?

Existing tender and ALTP notices from January 1st, 2016 to the freeze date will be migrated to the new application.

What is the Portal?

The Portal is a new application serving Nova Scotia Public Sector Entities (PSE) and Suppliers. It will include procurement related information and the platform to post procurement notices, award information and view lists of relevant Province of Nova Scotia standing offer contracts. The Portal will include a notification service to alert Suppliers of tender opportunities and when addenda are issued should they opt to register to use advanced features.

What Changes can be Expected?

The existing Public Tender Opportunities app (“PTO app”) to publish tender notices, tender award information and to create ALTP notices, as well as the Nova Scotia Tender Opportunities Notification Service (TONS), are both being replaced with new and improved online services. The look and feel will be more modern, and details of the tender notices and standing offers will be accessible in a more user-friendly way. There will also be other new features that were not previously available. The look and feel will be more modern, and details of the tender notices and standing offers will be accessible in a more user-friendly way.

Why are These Changes Being Made?

The existing services are vital to the success of public procurement in Nova Scotia, and it is important they remain functional well into the future. Replacing the main applications will provide service sustainability, product stability, opportunity to integrate with other systems, and the ability to provide enhanced features. Our goal is to continue to support public procurement obligations with a modernized and improved user experience.

I have more questions about the upcoming Portal. How can I find answers?

If you have additional questions or would like more information to help you prepare for the Portal launch, please email us at supdev@novascotia.ca.