

NOVA SCOTIA PROCUREMENT WEB PORTAL LAUNCH DETAILS



Nova Scotia Procurement has been working with its partners on a new online procurement application to ensure sustainable service well into the future. The Nova Scotia Procurement Web Portal (Portal) will replace the Nova Scotia Public Tenders Application, Tenders Opportunities Notification Service (TONS) and existing webpages. While this project is being completed in stages, the main system will **Go Live in early October**, with additional features being brought online over the remainder of the calendar year.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will my TONS notices continue?

No. The original application behind TONS will be terminated on launch of the new service. Suppliers will need to create an account through the new NS Procurement Web Portal and setup their notification preferences to receive notifications from the new service.

How do I access the new Portal?

Suppliers will need to create a MyNSID account and then request access to the Portal. Specific details on how to create an account and request access to the portal will be provided closer to the Go Live date.

Will training be available?

Users of the new Portal will find the interface simple to use. We have invested a significant effort in having representatives of all stakeholder groups participate in the design and testing of the new product. Quick Reference Guides will be made available as well as dates for training sessions.

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

Existing tender data from January 1, 2015 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.

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.