

# PROCUREMENT

## Background

Procurement is an area where few colleges have expertise, it is an area which divides opinion; many are fearful of breaking the EU regulations but don't fully understand what is expected of them. Others see it as simply 'shopping', buying the things they need as they need them. Either way does not equip the learning provider with a cost effective or an efficient approach. Well managed procurement should deliver cashable savings of 2-3% each year.

## Regional Procurement

This role has been created to provide a procurement service to the region's colleges. The post is initially funded by the AoC. Savings generated and member subscriptions will enable the post to become sustainable in the future. The role will support the effective management of procurement and embed good procurement practices into the region's colleges. Procurement is not only governed by EU regulations but when prioritised and performed well, will deliver real cashable savings and efficiencies across all levels within each college.

## Support Available

- Telephone and email advice
- Generic sample documents
- Regional Procurement Network meetings
- Benchmarking
- Consultancy
- Procurement Audit
- Strategy Review and Development
- CPD Training
- Tender Management
- Supplier Management
- Regional Collaboration and Procurement Project Leadership
- Raise the status of Procurement within each college
- Identifying and realising cash and efficiency savings
- Facilitate collaborative projects and enable savings.

## Biography



Catherine Duro, the East Midlands Regional Procurement Manager has 10 years' experience covering all areas of the supply chain, and is a Member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. Catherine has spent the past three years as Procurement Manager at Stephenson College. Catherine therefore brings to this role a wealth of hands-on experience. The role will not re-invent the wheel, but provide experience, knowledge and expertise to support the efficiency and effectiveness of your organisation's procurement function, from a local source. Catherine is able to support the whole team involved in procurement and supplier management.

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