

NOTIFICATION OF PROCUREMENT GUIDANCE FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISE ORGANISATIONS

Purpose

1. To advise you of guidance published by the Scottish Executive Development Department which is designed to assist the social economy sector involvement in the procurement process.

Background

2. The Procurement Guide for the Social Economy Sector in Scotland was commissioned by the Social Economy Development Team and is designed to be a practical guide for social enterprises exploring procurement opportunities. The guide was launched in June 2004 by the Highlands and Islands Social Enterprise Zone and is available online at www.socialeconomyscotland.info.

3. Procurement officers should be aware of the issues that the social economy sector faces in seeking to do business with the public sector. This guidance, which may also be relevant to SMEs, is available to the private sector through the Scottish Enterprise Business Gateways.

Dissemination

4. I would be grateful if this paper could be brought to the attention of all relevant staff in agencies and NDPB's and other sponsored public bodies within your field of responsibility.

Enquiries

5. For further information, please contact the Policy and Best Practice Branch, Scottish Procurement Directorate on 0131 244 3725 or email lynne.watts@scotland.gsi.gov.uk

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