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Interested in supplying to the City of London?

Attend this highly informative briefing and networking reception to find out how.



On Wednesday 17 November 2010, 5.45pm for 6.00pm - 8.00pm
At London Chamber of Commerce, 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AP

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The City of London Corporation is an unusually diverse organisation with three main aims:

- To support and promote 'The City' as the world leader in international finance and business services
- To provide modern, efficient and high quality local services and policing within the Square Mile for workers, residents and visitors whilst delivering sustainable outcomes
- To provide valued services to London and the nation

The City pre-dates parliament and its experience and tradition underpins its modern and efficient services. It operates on a non-party political basis through its Lord Mayor, aldermen and elected council members.

The services that the City provides are highly diverse ranging from a police force to a world class concert hall, major open spaces such as Hampstead Heath or Epping Forest to operating the Animal Reception Centre at Heathrow Airport. Goods and services procured reflect this diversity, and range from purchasing body armour for the police to animal feed at the Animal Reception Centre, from engaging an international orchestra, to a play at the Barbican, to buying a simple paperclip - plus all ports of call in between.

The City promotes fairness in its procurement through internal regulation and by observing the EU procurement directive. It also seeks to use procurement to support a number of objectives, such as buying locally, supporting SMEs, sustainable procurement and promoting equalities.

However like all organisations, the City must use procurement to drive down costs. In this respect, the City is currently embarking on a project to transform the way in which it undertakes procurement.

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OUR SPEAKER



STEVE ATKINS

Exchequer and Business Support Director

Steve is Chairman of the City of London's procurement board and directs the strategic procurement function. Professionally he is a qualified accountant and has spent his whole career working for local authorities in England. For the past 24 years he has been a Director at the City of London Corporation, currently holding the post of Exchequer and Business Support Director.

Steve leads a team providing a wide range of services including business systems, internal audit, strategic procurement, income collection, payments and payroll. He chairs the City of London's procurement board and has initiated and leads a project aimed at a fundamental transformation of procurement at the City of London.

WHY ATTEND

- Find out how to become a supplier to the City of London and learn about their **new** procurement policies following a transformational overhaul
- Get inside knowledge on the culture of the organisation, which is essential when tendering for business
- Ask any questions or queries directly to the Chairman of the City of London's procurement board
- Raise your profile and move one step closer to securing profitable contracts for your business

WHAT CAN I EXPECT

- 5.45pm** Registration and refreshments
- 6.00pm** Briefing including background on the organisation, the changes to the procurement strategy, how to become a supplier and opportunities available
- 6.45pm** Q&A session
- 7.00pm** Drinks reception with one-to-one networking opportunities with the speaker
- 8.00pm** Close

Book your place(s) at this highly informative event on the booking form overleaf.

