



Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023

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PART 3

SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

PROSPECTIVE

Key concepts

21 Public contracts

- (1) In this Part, a “public contract” means a contract between one or more economic operators and one or more contracting authorities; and having as its object the execution of works, the supply of products or the provision of services.
- (2) For the purposes of this Part, a framework agreement is treated as a public contract (and references to “public contract” are to be construed accordingly).

Commencement Information

- 11** S. 21 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 48\(1\)](#)

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Changes to legislation: There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Social Partnership and Public Procurement (Wales) Act 2023, Cross Heading: Key concepts. (See end of Document for details)

22 Contracting authorities

- (1) In this Part, a “contracting authority” means a body, office-holder or other person listed in Schedule 1.
- (2) But the Welsh Ministers are not a contracting authority for the purposes of sections 29, 30, 35, 36 and 41.
- (3) In this Part, a contracting authority’s area is the area by reference to which the authority primarily exercises its functions, disregarding any areas outside Wales.
- (4) The Welsh Ministers may by regulations amend this section, and Schedule 1, so as to modify the meaning of a contracting authority.

Commencement Information

- I2** S. 22 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 48\(1\)](#)

23 Public procurement

For the purposes of this Part, references to “public procurement” are to a contracting authority—

- (a) designing and carrying out any procedure preceding the award of a public contract including, in particular, seeking bids and selecting economic operators;
 - (b) drafting, negotiating and awarding a public contract;
 - (c) managing a public contract after it has been awarded;
- and references to “procurement” are to be construed accordingly.

Commencement Information

- I3** S. 23 not in force at Royal Assent, see [s. 48\(1\)](#)

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