Procurement Policy Note – Procurement of Open Source

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Issue

When purchasing ICT solutions, Government Departments should ensure that open source software is fairly considered.

Dissemination

Please circulate this Procurement Policy Note (PPN) within your organisation, agencies, non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), and any other bodies for which you are responsible, drawing it to the particular attention of those with a purchasing role.

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Background

1. The Government ICT Strategy (March 2011) states the following commitment in relation to Open Source:-

    > to create a level playing field for the use of innovative ICT solutions, the Government will publish a toolkit for procurers on best practice for evaluating the use of open source solutions

2. As part of that toolkit, a document has been produced entitled "ICT Advice Note – Procurement of Open Source". Government departments should ensure that this document is followed to ensure a level playing field for Open Source.

3. Read the advice note here (odf, 37kb)