

## **Pro5 FAQs – Retiring the brand**

### Customers

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#### **Will Pro5 be replaced?**

*Pro5 will not be replaced. With strategic partnerships and collaborative working becoming more of a standard process across the public sector, this decision will allow founding members YPO, ESPO, CBC and NEPO the opportunity to engage more widely with other organisations.*

#### **Who do I contact for procurement and framework information?**

*All enquiries can be directed to the individual buying organisation or the contracting authority using the details below.*

YPO: [www.ypo.co.uk](http://www.ypo.co.uk) , [procurementservices@ypo.co.uk](mailto:procurementservices@ypo.co.uk)

ESPO: [www.espo.org](http://www.espo.org)

NEPO: [www.nepoportal.org](http://www.nepoportal.org)

CBC: [www.cbconline.org.uk](http://www.cbconline.org.uk)

#### **Where can I find out more about frameworks?**

*Framework information will be available from the partner websites.*

YPO: [www.ypo.co.uk/contracts-home](http://www.ypo.co.uk/contracts-home)

ESPO: [www.espo.org/Frameworks](http://www.espo.org/Frameworks)

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#### **Will I still be able to access existing Pro5 frameworks?**

*Yes. All details of frameworks will be listed on the individual partner websites. See links above.*

#### **How will frameworks be developed from now?**

*The way frameworks and tenders are handled will remain unchanged and will the process will continue to be managed by the nominated contracting authority. With the public sector more focussed than ever on making efficiencies and delivering savings, opportunities for collaboration will continue to increase.*

## **What implications does this have for future collaborations?**

*There will be increased activity with YPO, ESPO, CBC and NEPO engaging more widely with other organisations. Collaboration with Crown Commercial Service (CCS) will continue to play an integral part of partnership working in the best interests of the public sector.*

*Plans are currently in place for the development of a national public sector procurement forum to share best practice and continue to bring more collaboration to the sector.*

## Suppliers

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### **Do I need to stop using the logo?**

*The logo can still be used for existing Pro5 frameworks and marketing activity. However this will be phased out as the frameworks come to their natural end.*

### **Will there be a logo to replace Pro5?**

*Yes. A working in partnership logo with variants for the collaborative partners will replace the Pro5 logo.*

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**Where can I find out more about tender opportunities?**

*This remains unchanged and you will need to visit the contracting authority's e-procurement website for details:*

YPO: <http://www.ypo.co.uk/about/supplier-information>

ESPO: [www.espo.org/Suppliers](http://www.espo.org/Suppliers)

NEPO: [www.nepoportal.org](http://www.nepoportal.org)

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