



# service plan 2012-2013

Procurement Tax Advisory Service (PTAS)

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## **The CIPFA Tax Advisory Service**

Combining CIPFA's unrivalled expertise in the public sector and Deloitte's deep technical resources, the Procurement Tax Advisory Service (PTAS) represents a comprehensive, cost effective service, offering detailed analysis, specialist advice, practical solutions, events and excellent networking opportunities for procurement professionals.

PTAS is here to support stretched procurement teams being asked to deliver more for less, and challenged to create more innovative and complex models of procurement. Procurement teams are facing challenging negotiations with suppliers in order to reduce costs and maintain current service levels. Without careful consideration, VAT can serve to exacerbate these issues, carrying the real risk that efficiency savings will be wiped out by additional irrecoverable VAT costs.

The network can provide you with access to a group of central and regional tax contacts at Deloitte who have a deep understanding of how VAT applies in a public sector procurement setting, based on their experience of cost reduction initiatives, contract reviews and restructuring advice.

CIPFA can also raise on-going procurement issues, such as individual budgets, joint commissioning and shared services with HM Revenue & Customs through the CIPFA VAT Committee – the main forum in which HMRC discuss local authority and other public sector tax issues. Such initiatives can often threaten the ability to recover VAT on the purchase of equipment and services that would previously have been claimable.

## **Why subscribe to the Procurement Tax Advisory Service (PTAS)?**

As part of the package, your Local Authority will receive:

- A comprehensive multi-tax helpline service, providing unlimited email/telephone access to central and regional local government specialists.
- Copies of all advice (and relevant publications), made available to service subscribers via an on-line "one-stop shop" portal.
- E-mail alerts regarding the tax implications of new procurement initiatives and feedback from HMRC and the CIPFA VAT Committee on relevant tax issues.
- Invitations to quarterly CIPFA Tax Clubs and an annual public sector conference, focussing on technical updates and topical issues relevant to local government.
- An annual meeting with Deloitte to discuss tax and VAT generally.
- Monthly VAT calls and a range of weekly and monthly public-sector-focused tax publications, including thought leadership pieces, tax news updates and budget commentary.

## **Discounts on additional services**

We recognise that every organisation has different tax needs. Therefore, to ensure that the network meets your needs, you can also choose to purchase any of the following services, available at a discounted rate for PTAS subscribers:

- A suite of regionally delivered tax related training modules.
- Quarterly on-line webinars on a range of strategic tax issues.
- Toolkits to assess your performance in different areas of tax compliance, supplemented by sector benchmarking analysis.
- Tailored advisory services on specific issues.

## **Subscription rates for 2012-13**

We recognise the on-going budget pressures within the public sector. Our fee for the PTAS remains at £3,000 for 12 months, despite the increasing complexity and uncertainty facing the sector over the coming year and the impact this is likely to have on the use of the helpline facility.

Those wishing to subscribe for longer than 12 months or on a group basis should contact a member of the PTAS team to discuss their requirements and possible discount arrangements.

### Further information

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