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2025/2026 Procurement And Engagement Timetable

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Introduction

This document details National Grid's planned procurement dates for the provision of electricity distribution flexibility services and the formal engagement National Grid will conduct to support its procurement activities.

About Our Procurement Activities

National Grid facilitates its procurement activity through its online portal, [Market Gateway](#). Flexibility Service Providers (FSPs) seeking an award to deliver flexibility services should register on the Market Gateway and complete the pre-qualification requirements to enable their eligibility to enter into flexibility Trades.

Pre-qualification is always open and can be completed at any time. Further Guidance on this process is available [here](#).

About Our Engagement Activities

In addition to our formal engagement activities, we are happy to engage with interested parties at any time, please email nged.flexiblepower@nationalgrid.co.uk.

Where registration for engagement activities are TBC, we will update this document and our [events page](#) as early as possible after these are known.

Timetable Modifications

We reserve the right to amend, add or remove procurement and engagement activities at any time and will update this document accordingly and periodically when required.

To receive direct updates on our flexibility programme and associated activities, Contact us [here](#)

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Procurement Activities	Engagement Activities
	20 th Mar DSO Stakeholder Engagement Event Birmingham ICC 10am – 1pm Attend in person https://re-url.uk/WPIQ Attend online https://re-url.uk/WPIU

Short Term Trade Cycle
Short Term Trades occur on an ongoing weekly basis

Flexibility locations and requirements for Short Term flexibility services are published on our Connected Data Portal	<p>You can watch a recording of our recent webinar providing more info on Short Term Trades here. Passcode: 1Oh\$37=!</p> <p>You can request an appointment to talk to our team about Short Term Trade anytime.</p>
Every Thursday From midday Short Term Trade Opportunities for FSPs open for bids	
Every Tuesday By midnight Deadline for Trade Responses	
Every Thursday By midday Trade Awards announced for delivery from the next Monday	

Long Term Trades Summer 2026 and Winter 2026/2027
& LV Winter needs 2026/2027

Long Term Trades occur once a year Aug – Nov

18 th Aug	Publish flexibility locations and requirements for; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Long Term HV needs - LV Winter needs - Availability for Operational Utilisation only services to the Connected Data Portal		
29 th Sept	Trade Opportunities for FSPs open on the Market Gateway.	Sept Date TBC	On Track to Trade – Webinar.
17 th Nov	Deadline for Trade Responses. Launch date +7 weeks.	From 22 nd Sept – 14 th Nov	On Track to Trade – Surgeries. Request an appointment
12 th Jan '26	Trade Awards announced. Deadline date +8 weeks.	Jan 2026	Service Provider feedback questionnaire.

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