

# Helping you make effective and informed procurement decisions

EXPERTISE WHEN YOU NEED IT



### Strategic procurement builtin for Bovis Homes Group plc

"I always appreciate the fact that Auditel are on top of their work, I never have to chase. Their reporting is concise, accurate and provides me with valuable data to monitor group spends and activity."

Head of Group Procurement, Bovis Homes Group plc



### Delivering cost savings and efficiency gains for Finlays

"I would highly recommend Auditel, especially if you're a bit stretched or don't have the resources in-house. I think you'd struggle to find better people."

**Financial Director, Finlays** 

### Releasing cash flow to drive growth

In the currently challenging economic climate, organisations are constantly battling with the desire to drive growth and profitability, whilst ensuring that they are investing in the right technologies and receiving value for money from their suppliers.

### **EXPERTISE WHEN YOU NEED IT**

From our experience, we recognise that it is not financially feasible for organisations to employ full-time procurement specialists across the full spectrum of goods and services that can be purchased.

These challenges culminate in non-purchasing trained employees making significant purchasing decisions without the tools or knowledge of the supplier market.

This puts them at a huge disadvantage when negotiating with suppliers that have a very clear understanding of the real costs and the margins built into contracts.

When engaged at the right time, such as when negotiating prices and contracts with suppliers, independent external help that works alongside your existing operational teams can level the playing field, thereby ensuring you achieve the very best value for money from your suppliers.

### STRENGTHEN YOUR NEGOTIATING POSITION

Founded in 1994, Auditel was established to help organisations make effective and informed procurement decisions within a rapidly evolving market. Since then, we've built a strong network of over 100 procurement specialists and are continually innovating our service - becoming a leading procurement and supply chain management consultancy.

Auditel's procurement specialists work alongside your existing Finance, Operational and Procurement teams providing the external help your organisation requires, to deliver business transformation and a competitive advantage. This is due to our vast expertise and detailed knowledge of suppliers, and which of these suppliers can deliver innovation and services at the most competitive prices.

### SUPPORT TO ENABLE EFFECTIVE PROCUREMENT AND DELIVER VALUE



### Resource

Dedicated resource that adds considerable weight to your current procurement team



### Knowledge

Detailed procurement knowledge of what best value looks like and how to achieve it, whilst delivering innovation into your supply chain



### **Expertise**

Hand-picked
procurement specialists
negotiating on your
behalf, who have long
careers working in
over 100 different
expenditure areas



### **Tools**

Unique benchmarking and analytical tools that speed up the tendering process and make sense of complex data allowing you to make an informed decision



### **Buying Power**

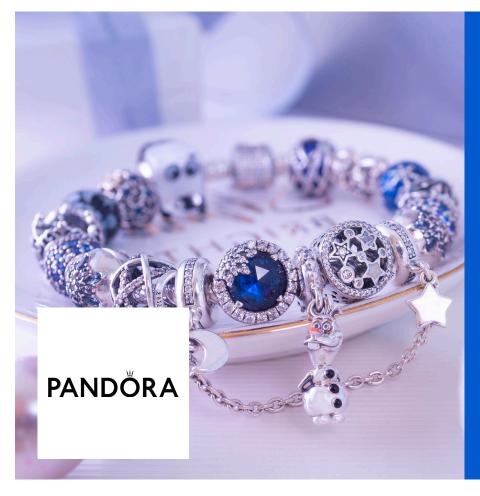
Access to serious buying power due to supplier relationships and unique pricing frameworks exclusive to Auditel



### A valued member of Nottingham Forest FC's procurement function

"Not only have Auditel identified and implemented sizeable cost savings, the level of service and support that they provide is second to none. They are a valuable member of my procurement function and my first go-to for anything cost and contract related."

Head of Finance, Nottingham Forest Football Club



## Auditel integrate with Pandora's global procurement department

"Auditel are a dedicated procurement resource for the business on isolated P&L lines. On some of the really big contracts, they've integrated well with our global procurement department; it's been a good team effort."

Finance Director for UK & Ireland, Pandora

## CHALLENGES

### Poor procurement kills profits

Poor procurement is the silent killer of profit for any organisation. Unless you know what to look for and what can be achieved, it can go undetected for years.

### **OPERATIONAL ASSUMPTIONS AND CHALLENGES**

With the UK firmly embedded in the Fourth Industrial Revolution, in which disruptive technologies and trends such as the Internet of Things, Robotics, Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence are changing the way we live and work, the need for an organisation's procurement function to embrace new ideas and technologies within their supply chain has never been greater.

It is not uncommon, when we first engage with an organisation, for them to believe that their procurement is under control and any improvements we could achieve would be insignificant and not worth pursuing. Many organisations believe that 'as long as the spend is within budget and the supplier is delivering in accordance with the contract and service level agreement, then all is well'

This is a natural response and we fully understand this initial reaction. However, without independent benchmarking and validation of pricing and service level arrangements, it's impossible to know if you are receiving value for money or investing in the right technology.

From our 25 years of experience, working with thousands of clients, organisations are typically over-paying for goods and services by up to 50% whilst missing out on innovation. If addressed, this can have a positive impact on the organisation's performance.

Below are a few operational assumptions and challenges that result in organisations having an imperfect approach to their procurement, because it's often not discussed at board level or included during strategic planning.

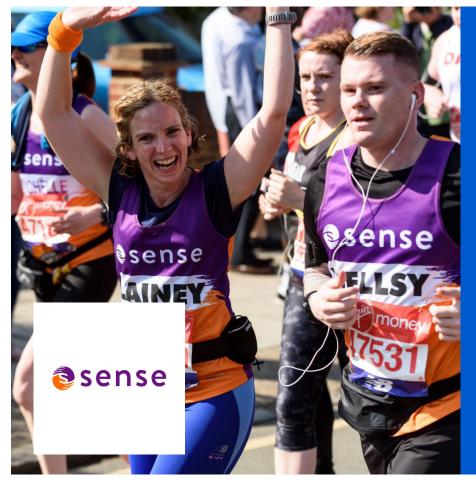




# Long-term partnership brings strategic gains for intelligence giant Mintel

"Any company would benefit from Auditel's services. Frankly, I see no reason why you wouldn't engage them – it's a no-brainer."

Chairman, Mintel



## Sense and the sensibility of a new procurement approach

"Auditel have become an integral part of the organisation. They are extremely helpful and can provide general advice as well as specialised procurement. Their experience has saved us time and money from day one and they continue to protect our best interests."

**Finance Director, Sense** 

### **Trusted procurement specialists**

Our high-calibre procurement specialists have come from a broad range of professions, commerce and industry, providing our clients with access to an unrivalled level of knowledge, skills and expertise.

### **WE CAN HELP YOU ACHIEVE BEST VALUE**

Our specialists have been hand-picked to join Auditel due to their lifetime of experience gained during senior careers within their chosen area of expertise. We understand our clients' business challenges, having worked in their sector implementing thousands of similar projects over the last 25 years.

We really know what 'best value' looks like and can uncover opportunities to reduce costs, improve supplier service & quality, and deliver innovation into your supply chain. Our knowledge and understanding of the supplier markets provides you with an enhanced negotiating position and by using our bespoke analytical tools and tendering processes, we can deliver impressive results quickly, with limited disruption or input needed by you and your staff.

### WITH YOU EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Negotiating from a position of knowledge, our specialists will help you avoid any contractual pitfalls that would disadvantage your organisation. Having supply-side expertise on your team ensures that any contracts that are put in place between you and your suppliers will be reviewed in detail, to safeguard your organisation from unfair clauses and protect you from unjustified price rises.

During the implementation process, our specialists, who will be working alongside your employees, will ensure they are fully trained and supported in dealing with the supplier - eradicating maverick spend and holding suppliers to account, whilst adhering to the agreed prices and service levels.





### **BUSINESS SUPPLIES & SERVICES**

Archive, Storage & Shredding Health Care & Medical Supplies Janitorial Services & Supplies Laundry Office Furnishings Office Supplies & Stationery Packaging Workwear & PPE



### COMPLIANCE

**Data Protection** 

Energy

Environmental

Food

General Waste

Hazardous & Clinical Waste Management

Health & Safety

**Human Resources** 

Insurance

Travel



### **BANKING & FINANCE**

Credit Insurance Foreign Exchange Invoice Finance **Merchant Cards Taxation & Allowances** 



### **PREMISES & PROPERTY**

**Business Rates** 

**Contract Cleaning** 

Engineering & Electrical Consumables

Facilities Management

Fire Systems & Equipment

**Grounds Maintenance** 

**HVAC** 

Maintenance & Repair

Pest Control

**Property Management** 

Security Systems & Equipment

Washrooms



### **PRINT & POSTAGE**

**Business Machines** 

**Digital Marketing** 

DX

Fulfilment

Hybrid Mail

**Mailing Solutions** 

**Managed Print Solutions** 

Marketing Print

Operational Print & Postage

**Photocopiers** 

Postage

Print

Workflow



### CATERING

Catering Consumables Contract Catering Kitchen Equipment Vending Machines



### **Expertise** on demand

Auditel has expertise in many different areas of expenditure which we have broken down into these cost groups. This means that we can advise you on new innovative products, services, policies and processes that can eradicate profit leaks and deliver a significant competitive advantage.



### **COMMS & TECHNOLOGY**

Artificial Intelligence Business Continuity

Cyber Security

Data Networking Infrastructure

Equipment & Maintenance

**Fixed Line Communications** 

Hardware Procurement

**ICT Services** 

**Managed Services** 

Mobile Devices

Robotics

Software Procurement

**Unified Communications** 



### **LOGISTICS, TRANSPORT & TRAVEL**

Couriers

Fleet Management

Forklift Trucks

Freight

Fuel

Haulage

Insurance

Materials Handling Equipment

**Pallets** 

Travel

Vehicular Communications

Vehicle Leasing & Sourcing

Vehicle Tracking

Warehousing



### **UTILITIES & ENVIRONMENTAL**

Electricity

**Energy Efficiency** 

Gas

Recycling

Renewable Energy

Sustainability

Waste & Environmental Services

Waste Water & Sewerage

Water



### Auditel saves Lindab over £250,000 per annum and leaves a lasting impression

"I can confidently say that Auditel is viewed by my colleagues and myself as a true partner to our business. Their consistent attention to the business processes and advising what is best for the company is extremely welcomed."

**UK Finance & Operations Director, Lindab** 



### Auditel help Graze to reduce costs and improve efficiency in a variety of cost areas

"Auditel have released significant savings into our business and provided valuable support and resource to our management team. They are true specialists in reducing indirect costs."

Graze.com

### **Serious buying leverage**

Helping our clients to innovate within their supply chain is in our DNA. We have helped thousands of organisations accelerate their business performance by utilising our knowledge, expertise and our impressive buying power.

### **EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH MARKET-LEADING SUPPLIERS**

We have nurtured exclusive relationships with a wide range of national and local suppliers across 100+ different areas of expenditure, thereby building up an impressive buying leverage due to the combined spend of all our clients.

Suppliers that work with Auditel understand that if they maintain a competitive price and adhere to service levels agreements, it is likely to lead to further opportunities from other Auditel clients. This means you can gain access to our unique pricing frameworks that would be unattainable if negotiating by yourself, resulting in best value for money, while remaining completely independent and impartial. The synergy this creates allows us to provide powerful solutions to your business challenges.

Suppliers enjoy working with Auditel because we are aligned to their tendering process. We can clearly present our clients' profile of spend and service level requirements, whilst also being aware of the innovation or valued-added service that suppliers can provide. This enables the supplier to give their most competitive price because there are no unknowns in the tendering process, ensuring that our clients get the best deals over the longest term.

Our specialists act as the conduit between you and the supplier, ensuring a smooth implementation and eradicating wasted time for both parties. We work hard to ensure that the supplier relationships result in a 'win-win' for both you and the supplier and we deal with both in a transparent, fair and ethical way.

Our suppliers also take an active part in training and sharing their own knowledge and expertise with our procurement specialists, who, in turn, pass it onto you, so that you can be sure you're always up-to-date with the latest innovations and solutions.





# Auditel's refreshingly simple solution improves communications efficiency

"Auditel's professional approach, combined with their rapid grasp of our challenges and requirements was excellent. Their independent assessment and advice on getting us the best solution is refreshingly simple."

Director of Organisational Effectiveness, World Vision



### Over £3 million savings & counting for YMCA

"Auditel has worked with us for many years. Their projects have resulted in significant direct savings and enhanced our internal processes, so we also benefit from indirect cost savings on administration and staff time."

Procurement and Contracts Manager, YMCA St Paul's Group

### Independent, impartial, transparent

Audited delivers significant added value for our clients at each phase of our engagement. Our end-to-end process enables us to ensure that we understand the needs of our clients and find the best value solutions to implement. Our unique process is simple to follow and importantly, we provide the resources to do the work at each step.

### **EXPERTS AT MANAGING CHANGE**

Once engaged, we will work with your operational teams to understand your requirements and identify any risks within your supply chain. This ensures that the suppliers we tender are a perfect match with your future business strategy. The more precise we can be with suppliers during the tendering process, the more competitive they will be with their pricing.

Using our bespoke tools, we will conduct a forensic line-byline analysis of your data to uncover anomalies, patterns of spending and behaviours that were previously unknown. These can then be challenged and corrected to maximise savings and process efficiencies.

Your organisation gains access to our market knowledge, which comes from live data reporting across thousands of tenders. This enables us to quickly judge the competitiveness and quality of any incumbent suppliers. It also allows us to short-list potential alternatives in a fraction of the time it would take you to research independently. Our initial investigations of your past invoices and contracts, ensures that any overcharges are identified and any rebates from your suppliers are recovered.

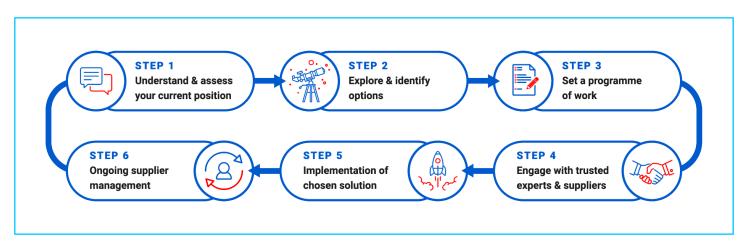
### **ONGOING SUPPLIER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT**

As part of our process, we implement professional supplier relationship management to help align your suppliers with your organisation's aims and objectives. Proactively managing your relationships with suppliers will result in improved communication and innovation from them, which in turn, can help you reach your operational objectives and maximise value from the supplier over the full course of a contract.

Identified savings found during the tendering process can often be eroded very quickly by several internal and external influences. Suppliers will naturally be looking at ways to increase margin on the account and/or internal staff may make mistakes or fail to follow the procurement processes we have put in place.

We are fully aware of these supplier tactics and challenges and are experts at avoiding these dangers, ensuring realised savings are delivered or exceeded.

### **OUR PROCUREMENT PROCESS**





## Auditel's unique approach supports The Royal School's impressive growth

"Working with Auditel means that my team can focus on core activities, confident in Auditel's abilities to progress other projects. This handsoff approach means we can make decisions with confidence."

Director of Finance & Services, The Royal School



### Significant savings and procurement support for Coverage Care

"I would definitely recommend Auditel to other companies in the care sector. That's not a compliment I give lightly. I've been very impressed with the results, the hard work and the level of professionalism."

**Financial Director, Coverage Care** 

### Gain a competitive advantage

Our clients really do gain a competitive advantage by undertaking a procurement review with Auditel. As you can see from the range of client testimonials in both this brochure and on our website, regardless of size or sector, we can help.

### REDIRECTING CASH FLOW BACK INTO YOUR CONTROL

In the current climate, with heightened levels of uncertainty and budgets being stretched, Auditel can be your trusted partner to ensure you are maximising every opportunity.

It is true to say that many of our clients initially engage us to deliver a cost saving. However the real benefits they enjoy come from the added value and business transformation that results from the solutions we put in place. Solutions which they acknowledge that they could not have achieved on their own.

Regardless of which industry sector you are in, whether it's; manufacturing, charity, retail, financial services or education, our independent analysis unlocks cash, that once identified, will be redirected back into your control. It is then up to you to choose how to utilise it, either by delivering additional dividends to shareholders, reinvesting it back into the company's growth via new initiatives or innovative products and services.

### PEACE OF MIND, SO YOU CAN FOCUS ON RUNNING YOUR BUSINESS

Why not join the thousands of clients that have enjoyed the tangible benefits and peace of mind that Auditel's skilled and experienced procurement specialists deliver, so that you can focus your time, resources and energy on your core business activity to drive your organisation forward?

If you would like to learn more about how your organisation could benefit from innovation within your supply chain and ensure every supply line is working in the same direction, please call us to arrange an exploratory meeting.

We will conduct an initial diagnostic health-check to evaluate your current procurement functions and show you how our selffunding solutions can deliver you a competitive advantage.

We look forward to meeting you.

