



New Zealand Procurement Excellence Awards



Public Procurement Principle: **Capacity**



Procurement Stage: **All stages**



Audience: **Policy maker, Procuring entity, Civil society, Private sector**

Description

The New Zealand Procurement Excellence Forum was formed in 2014 in order to lift the capability of the procurement practitioners in New Zealand. The Forum brings together like-minded and committed procurement professionals, from across the public and private sectors, who considers the procurement profession as a developing specialisation, and are willing to share their knowledge with each other for the purpose of further enhancing the recognition of the procurement profession in New Zealand. Current main initiatives of the Forum consist of the two pillars: Championing Procurement Excellence to deliver successful outcomes for New Zealand and Fostering People and Capability.

As a part of these initiative, the Forum started the annual award event in 2016, New Zealand Procurement Excellence Awards. This award was established to raise the profile and awareness of procurement, or what great procurement looks like and how it can contribute to better outcomes for New Zealand, across both private and public sectors. The founders thought that it was possible only through sharing great stories of achievements across many organisations in both the public and private sectors, inspiring others to raise the bar, and to make sure that organisations achieve more than just good practice and compliance.

The New Zealand Procurement Excellence Awards are the foremost recognition of industry-leading procurement practice in New Zealand. There are five competitive categories that have been established to recognise New Zealand's finest:

- Young Procurement Professional of the Year (30 years old or under)
- Procurement Professional of the Year
- Most Effective Teaming of the Year
- Social or Environmental Impact of the Year
- Most Innovative Project of the Year

The application must be related to activities and initiatives of procurement. The judging criteria is disclosed for each award category. The overall Supreme Winner will be selected from the category winners in order to recognise the highest achievement of the year in the procurement field in the country. The prize of the winner, for example for 2016, includes not only the award certificate and trophy but also a paid trip to any procurement conference anywhere in the world.

The New Zealand Procurement Excellence Awards contributes not only to the knowledge sharing among procurement professionals but also to enhancing the motivation and incentives of public procurement experts in New Zealand, thus lifting the recognition of the procurement as a professional task.

Source: OECD (2019), [Improving Lithuania's Public Procurement System: Component 1 – implementation of professionalisation and certification frameworks](#), OECD Publishing, Paris

