

Suppliers User's Instruction



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2. Workstation requirements

For the sake of efficient and comfortable use of the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System (also known as the System), it must be ensured that the computer at your disposal is compliant with the workstation requirements presented in the table below. Failure to meet one of the requirements may lead to unforeseen complications while using the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System.



2.1 Technical requirements of IT equipment in order to use PGE Capital Group Purchasing System in terms of submitting bids in RFX and participating in electronic auctions without the use of a qualified electronic signature:

- 1. PC / MAC computer with Internet access
- 2. Installed operating system:
 - a) Windows (recommended) version supported by the manufacturer, recommended Windows 11
 - b) Mac OS version supported by the manufacturer
- 3. Internet browser:
 - Mozilla Firefox in current version supported by the manufacturer;
 - Google Chrome in current version supported by the manufacturer;
 - Microsoft Edge in current version supported by the manufacturer;
 - Safari in current version supported by the manufacturer,
 allowing the user to accept session cookies and supporting TLS 1.2 or higher encryption.
 - Java runtime environment version 1.8 or newer installed on the computer 32bit and 64bit, if the operating system is a 64bit version. Using both Oracle Java and AdoptOpenJDK is possible (AdoptOpenJDK preferred).
- 4. Internet connection: min. 512 Kbps per computer (broadband internet connection recommended) that allows comfortable web browsing and affords stable connection without packet loss;
- 5. Mobile phone: it must be possible to install the appropriate application Google Authenticator or Microsoft Authenticator and synchronize with it.



2.2 Technical requirements of IT equipment in order to use PGE Capital Group Purchasing System in terms of submitting bids in RFX and taking part in electronic auctions using a qualified electronic signature:

Minimal hardware and software requirements for using an electronic signature on PGE Capital Group Purchasing System are detailed below:

- 1. A PC / MAC computer with access to internet
- 2. Installed operating system:
 - a) Windows (recommended) version supported by the manufacturer, recommended Windows 11
 - b) Mac OS version supported by the manufacturer
- 3. Web browser:
 - Mozilla Firefox in a version supported by the manufacturer;
 - Google Chrome in a version supported by the manufacturer;
 - Microsoft Edge in a version supported by the manufacturer;
 - Safari in a version supported by the manufacturer

that allows to use session cookie files and supports TLS 1.2 or higher encryption.

- 4. Mobile phone: it must be possible to install the appropriate application Google Authenticator or Microsoft Authenticator and synchronize with it.
- 5. Java runtime environment version 1.8 or newer installed on the computer 32bit and 64bit, if the operating system is a 64bit version. Using both Oracle Java and AdoptOpenJDK is possible (AdoptOpenJDK preferred).
- 6. Internet connection: min. 512 Kbps per computer (recommended broadband internet connection) that allows comfortable web browsing and affords stable connection without packet loss;
- 7. Essential software and hardware used in signing the electronic signature:
 - middleware software that uses PKCS#11 interface (version 2.01 or higher);
 - cryptographic card reader compliant with PC/SC specification;
 - cryptographic card compatible with any card reader compliant with PC/SC specification;
 - a Hardware Security Module device compatible with PKCS#11 interface.
- 8. In the case of electronic signature on a physical medium A cryptographic card reader connected or embedded in the computer issued by the issuer of the certificate used by the Contractor (the card present in the reader when the signature is made), or a Smart Card Reader



/ Omnikey device and that certificate issuer allows the emulation of a physical card using PKCS#11 interface (version 2.01 or newer);

- 9. In the case of cloud-based electronic signature make sure the certificate is authenticated in the user's session at the time of signing (e.g. by launching the application supplied by the signature's issuer and entering the private key activating the certificate).
- 10. Installed on the workstation current drivers for the cryptographic card reader (manufacturer websites, software installed dedicated to the signature). For cloud-based signature, software supplied with the signature installed.
- 11. A qualified certificate installed on a computer on which the Contractor will log into the account (for Windows operating system, the certificate must be visible in the Windows Certificate logical store named "Personal").
- 12. For Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge and Mozilla Firefox browsers, installed a dedicated extension "Podpis elektroniczny Szafir SDK" and installed "Szafir Host" application. User account should have permission to install and update required components for handling qualified electronic signature, browser extensions, Szafir SDK and Szafir Host software.

Before attempting to place the tender or take part in electronic auction making use of electronic signatures, it is advised to check the configuration of electronic signature on the device that will be used to place the tender or take part in electronic auction.

Recommended version of the JAVA runtime environment can be downloaded from here:

https://www.oracle.com/pl/java/technologies/javase/javase8-archive-downloads.html

The current version of the JAVA runtime environment can be downloaded from here:

https://www.java.com/pl/download/

https://adoptium.net/temurin/releases/?version=8

You can check your version in accordance with the instructions available at the link:

https://www.java.com/pl/download/help/version manual.xml

For further relevant information related to electronic signature please refer to the document Electronic Signature – instruction available at:

PGE Capital Group Purchasing System



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3. Registration and login

Registration and login to PGE Capital Group Purchasing System are now directly via https://swpp2.gkpge.pl.



3.1 Registration, step 1: Filling user's registration form

On GK PGE site (https://www.gkpge.pl/) at the top, please choose "PGE Group". Then move mouse at "Tenders", then click tab "Purchases".

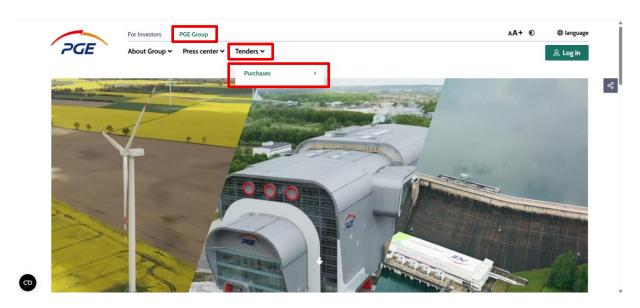


Image 1 – GK PGE website with "Tenders" menu expanded

In tab "Purchases", click "Purchasing System of the Capital Group". This action will redirect user to the System.

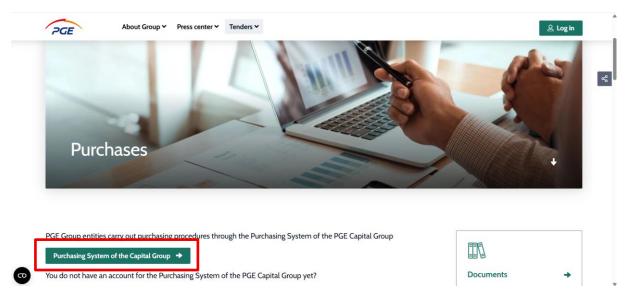


Image 2 – "Purchases" site with "Purchasing System of the Capital Group" button



After clicking button user will be redirected to System, with list of ongoing Purchasing processes. "Log in" button is in the right top corner.

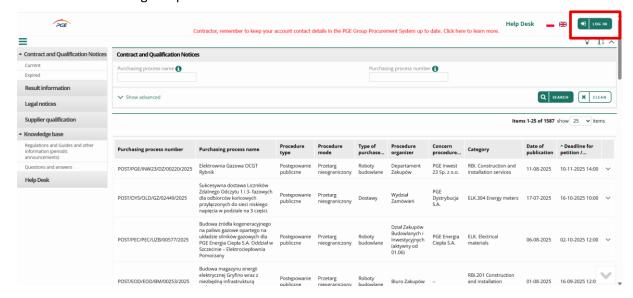


Image 3 - PGE Capital Group Purchasing System website

After clicking "Log in" button, user will be redirected to login page, where "Register" option is available to choose.

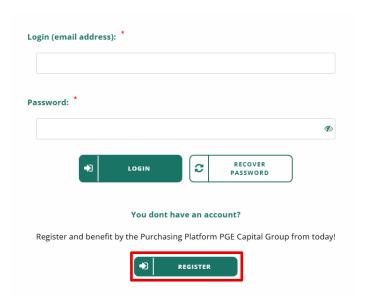


Image 4 – Login page



After clicking "Register", "Contractor registration form" will appear.

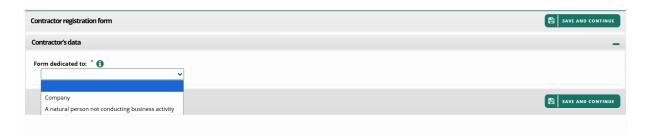


Image 5- "Contractor registration form"

"Contractor registration form" is divided into two steps.

In the first step user needs to choose form dedicated to user's business. Form of business will affect scope of information required to perform registration process. After user chose value in "Form dedicated to" additional required field to fill will appear:

- PESEL/TAX ID (Depend on Business's form);
- Country of residence of the user registering in the System;
- Postal code (If user choose country: Poland dictionary with up-to-date post codes for Poland
 is available; for other country than Poland postal code is inserted as text value). For
 dictionary field after entering two symbols, hints will appear with fitting post codes from
 System;
- Captcha code field.

Contractor registration form for Company is displayed below:

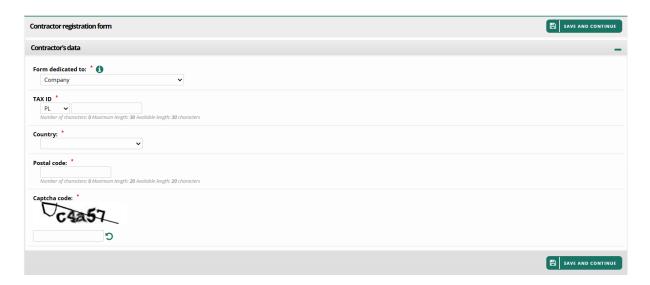


Image 6 - Contractor registration form for Company



User needs to fill all required fields in order to proceed with registration. If one or more required fields are left blank or filled with incorrect data, System will highlight field red and display proper error message after user hover cursor over it. Example of error message:



Image 7 - Example of error message

After user fill form with correct data and use action "save and continue", will be redirected to second step of Contractor registration form, which varies depending on the value selected in the field "Form dedicated to".

3.2 Registration, step 2: Completing the registration form of the entity under which the account is registered

3.2.1 Contractor registration form dedicated for Company

This form is dedicated to users, who register account associated with any type of business activity (e.g. sole proprietorship, limited liability company, limited partnership, other).

Form was divided into sections, described below.



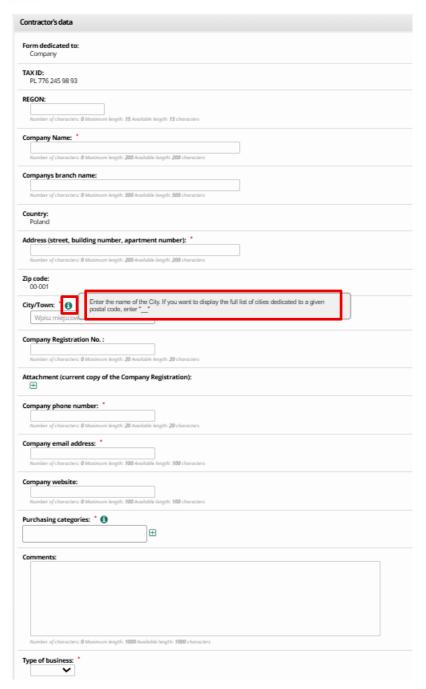


Image 8 - Section "Contractor's data"

Form contains not editable fields (TAX ID, Zip code). In order to edit them, user needs to return to previous step using "Back to step 1" button. Using this action, will erase previously entered data on form in step 2.

Some fields have icon " • " displayed next to them. When user hover cursor over icon, information about field will be displayed.



In case, there is another Contractor registered with same TAX ID in System, that user entered in registration form, System will automatically fill fields with already registered in System data.

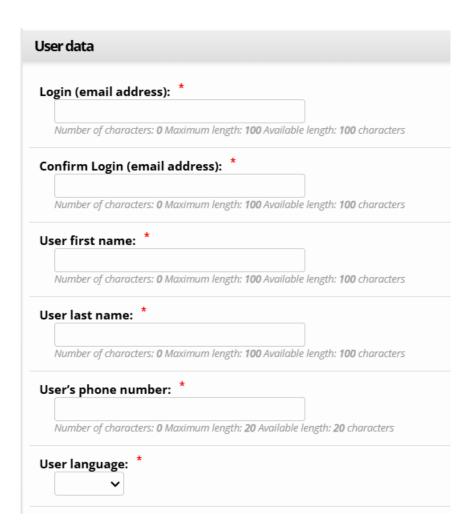


Image 9 – "User data" section

In next section data needs to be provided by user who is registering account. Fields "Login (email address)" and "Confirm Login (email address)" will not allow pasting values, so they need to be filled manually. When saving the form, the System will check the correctness and compliance of the data entered in these fields.

It is assumed that the user's login will be their e-mail address.

The next section contains consents that the registering user must review and accept. To do so, click the hyperlink leading to the relevant regulation, review it and select consent.



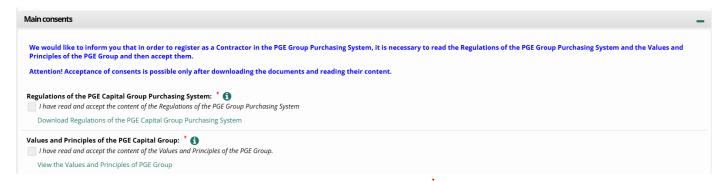


Image 10 - "Main consents" section

Attention! Fields become editable after entering hyperlink, leading to relevant consent.

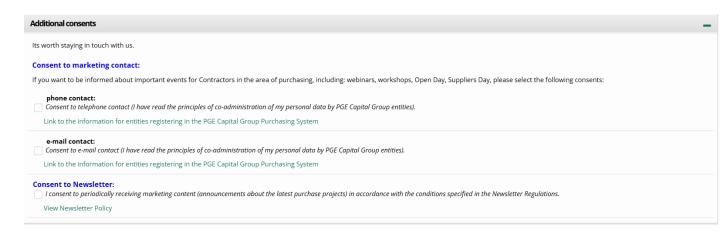


Image 11 - "Additional consents" section

Last section contains additional consents, that are not required in registration process. Although if user wants to receive periodic information about ongoing proceedings this consents needs to be checked. Consents can be checked after registration in "My profile", which is described later in document.

After filling form and using action "send an application", if additional consents were not checked, System will display message.



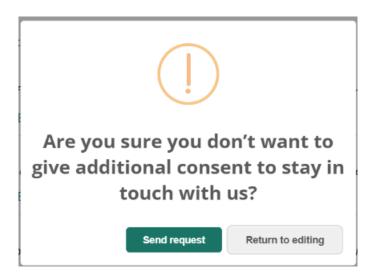


Image 12 – Message about not checking additional consents

Using "Send request" action will send application for verification to Contractors Database Administrator.



3.2.2 Contractor registration form dedicated for natural person not conducting business activity

Below is a form dedicated to users who are registering a user account as individuals, not running a business. The form is divided into sections, each of which is described in detail below.

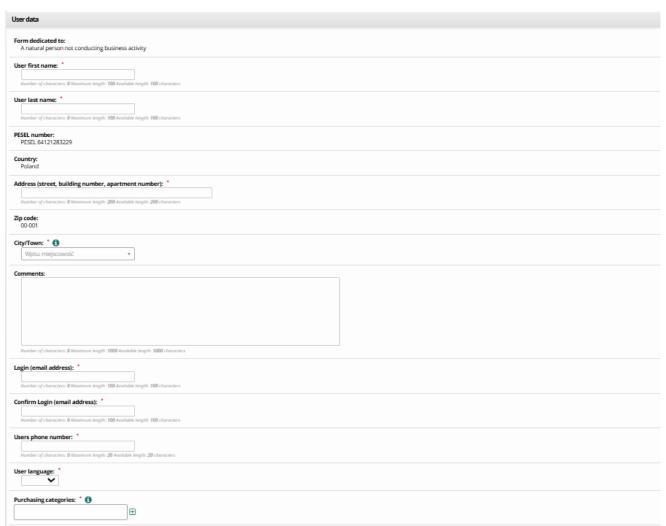


Image 13 – section "User data"

Form contains not editable fields (PESEL number, Zip code). In order to edit them, user needs to return to previous step using "Back to step 1" button. Using this action, will erase previously entered data on form in step 2.

In first section data needs to be provided by user who is registering account. Fields "Login (email address)" and "Confirm Login (email address)" will not allow pasting values, so they need to be filled



manually. When saving the form, the System will check the correctness and compliance of the data entered in these fields.

It is assumed that the user's login will be their e-mail address.

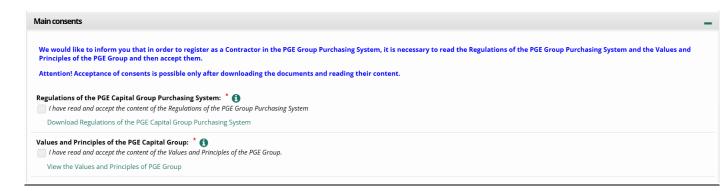


Image 14 - "Main consents" section

The next section contains consents that the registering user must review and accept. To do so, click the hyperlink leading to the relevant regulation, review it and select consent.

Attention! Fields become editable after entering hyperlink, leading to relevant consent.

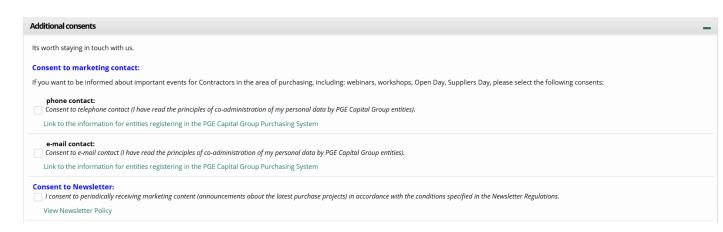


Image 15 - "Additional consents" section

Last section contains additional consents, that are not required in registration process. Although if user wants to receive periodic information about ongoing proceedings this consents needs to be checked. Consents can be checked after registration in "My profile", which is described later in document.



After filling form and using action "send an application", if additional consents were not checked, System will display message.

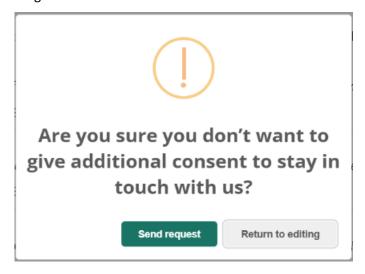


Image 16 - Message about not checking additional consents

Using "Send request" action will send application for verification to Contractor Database Administrator.

3.3 Registration, step 3: Completing registration

After sending request for verification to Contractor database administrator, message will be displayed.

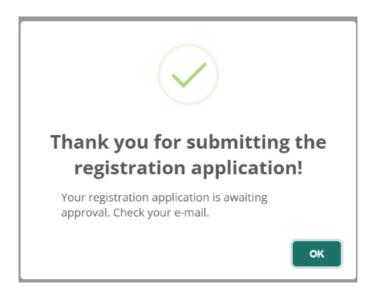


Image 17 – Message displayed after successfully sending registration form



Registration form can be accepted or denied by administrator. Form will be denied if any information is incorrect.

3.3.1 Rejection of registration application

If your registration request is rejected, an email will be sent to the email address provided in the "Login (email address)" field of the registration form, informing you of the reason for the rejection. You may then re-register, taking into account the comments submitted by the Contractor Database Administrator who processed the original registration request.

3.3.2 Acceptance of the registration application

If the registration application is accepted in the System, an email will be sent to the user's email address (provided in the "Login (email address)" field on the registration form). The email will also contain brief instructions on how to proceed, including a password reset link.

The final step is to set a password for logging into the System. This is done using the "Password Reset" functionality, described in the next section of this document.

3.4 Registration, step 4: setting up first password

After accepting application, an e-mail will be send on user's e-mail address.



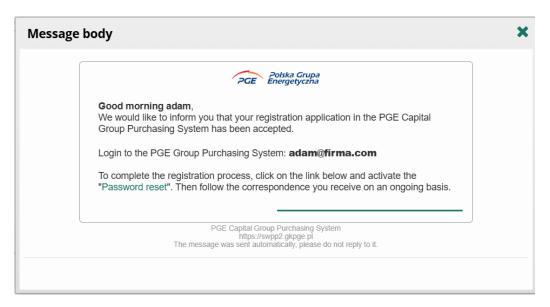


Image 18 - E-mail sent to Contractor after application was accepted

After clicking on link "Password reset" in e-mail, user will be redirected to **Password reset** site:

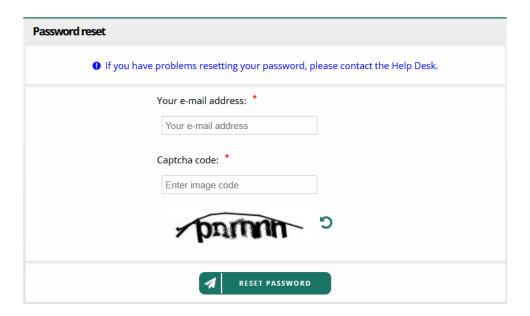


Image 19 - "Password reset" site

User needs to fill fields with correct e-mail address and captcha code. After clicking "Reset password" button, e-mail will be send on user's e-mail address, if address exists in System. E-mail will contain hyperlink "Change password".



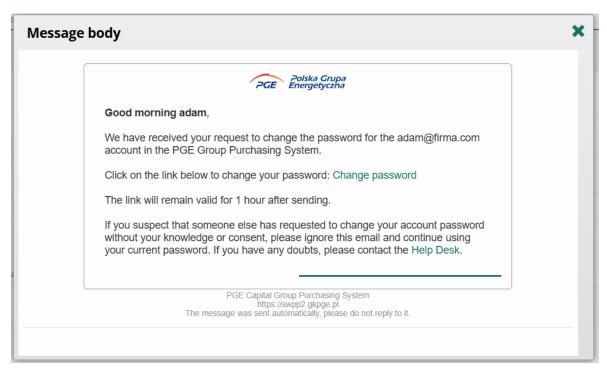


Image 20 - E-mail send to Contractor after requesting for "Reset password"

After clicking "Change password" user will be redirected to "Password reset" site, where password can be changed.

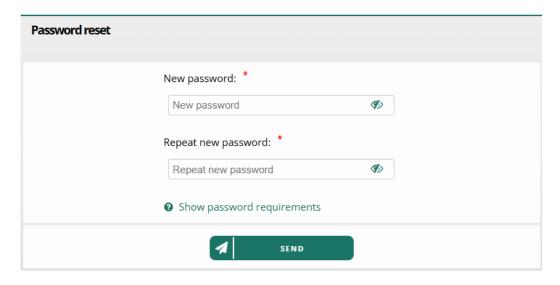


Image 21 - Password reset site

User needs to fill both fields with same password. User can see values inserted in fields, by clicking on





Password needs to meet password requirements. User can check password requirements with "Show password requirements" button. Current password requirements are shown on image below:

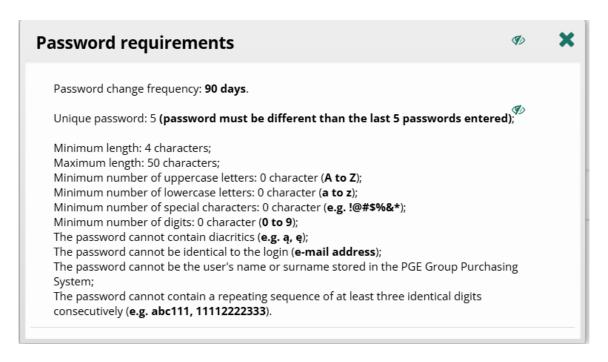


Image 22 - Password requirements

In case passwords do not match, or password does not meet "Password requirements", after clicking "send" button, System will highlight field. Also if user point cursor at highlighted field, message will be displayed with error.

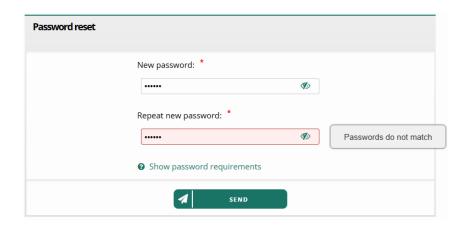


Image 23 - Error message during password reset



Successful password change will be announced with message, informing that user can now login with new credentials. On user's e-mail address, e-mail will be sent with password reset confirmation.

In case reset link from e-mail, was used more than once or link expired, System will display error message. In such case user needs to use "Reset password" again and generate new link to "reset password".

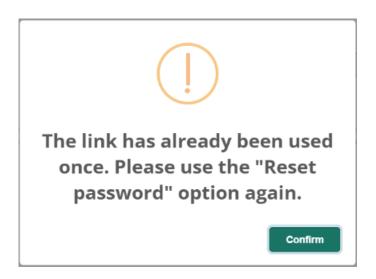


Image 24 - Link expired message

After confirming this message, user will be redirect to "Reset password" site. In such case, user needs to go through all steps described in chapter 3.6.

3.5 First login to PGE Capital Group Purchasing System

3.5.1 Setting up 2 factor authentication

When logging in for the first time to System, and during registration all required consents were checked, user will be redirect to tab "Security", located in "My profile". Then user will be asked to set up 2 factor authentication. This authentication will be needed for future logins to System (unless, user add this device as trusted device). User will receive message on website, that 2 factor authentication needs to be set up.





Image 25 – 2 factor authentication message

User can configure 2 factor authentication in "Two-factor login" section.

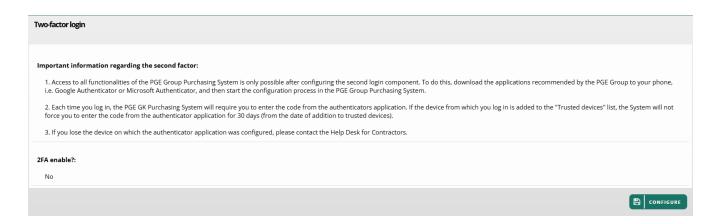


Image 26 – "Two-factor login" section

Field named "2FA enable?" presents information if user has 2 factor authentication set up. If value in this field is "No", user needs to configure 2 factor authentication with "configure" button in bottom right corner of "Two-factor login" section. To configure 2 factor authentication, user needs to download and install on his mobile device (for example mobile phone) and configure one of the recommended by GK PGE applications:

- Google Authenticator;
- Microsoft Authenticator.

Listed applications are free. Links to download them, are displayed, when user click on "Configure" button.





Image 27 - instruction how to set up 2 factor authentication

After downloading and installing authentication application on mobile device, user needs to use it and scan QR code, displayed after clicking "configure" button. User also can insert configuration key to application manually.





Image 28 - Example of "QR code" and "Configuration key"

After user scan QR code or enter "Configuration key" in authentication application manually on mobile device, new account dedicated to PGE Capital Group Purchasing System will be added. After selecting this account on the phone, the application will display a one-time, time-limited, 6-digit code, which should be entered in the System in the "Verification code" field.

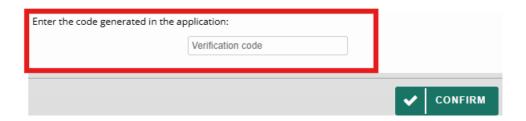


Image 29 – Field to enter generated code from application

After entering code, user needs to confirm code by clicking on "confirm" button. If code will be correct and will not expire, account will be linked to user's authentication application. Value in "2FA enable?" will change to "Yes". Codes in application are generated every 30 seconds.

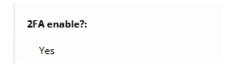


Image 30 - Value in "2FA enable?" field after 2 factor authentication configuration



When 2 factor authentication is set up, user can now use all available for Contractor feature in System.

3.5.2 Next logins to PGE Capital Group Purchasing System

Once the second login factor is properly configured, the System will require it upon next logins. Filling the required fields (marked with a red asterisk) is required each time you authenticate.

After entering your login and password, if the data is correct, the "Enter code from the app" field will appear, where you must enter a 6-digit, time-limited, one-time password generated by the authenticator app on your phone.

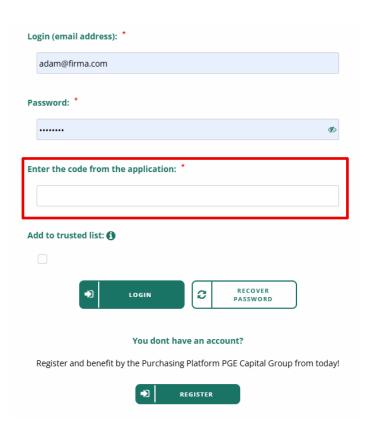


Image 31 – Login screen after 2FA was configured

Login and password fields will not be editable at this point. Additionally user can check checkbox "Add to trusted list". If this checkbox is checked, device will be added to trusted list, and user will not need to provide code from application for next 30 day, when logging in from this device. Trusted devices are listed in "Security" tab in "Trusted browsers" section, available in "My Profile". In this place user also can add device to trusted list, with "Add device to the trusted list" button.





Image 32 - Section "Trusted browsers"

In case, user provides System with wrong credentials for four times, System will display additional field with captcha code. This field needs to be filled with correct data before next login attempt.

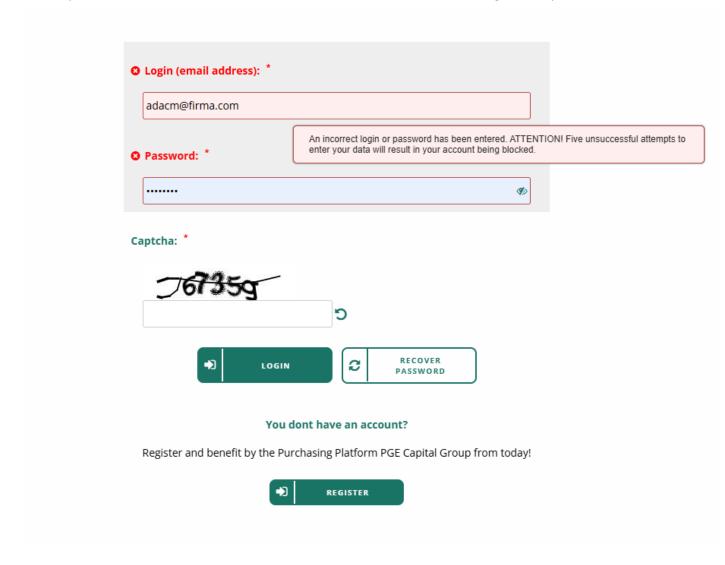


Image 33 - Login screen with captcha code



Attention: 5-th failed login attempt, will result in 30 minutes or permanent login to account block.

When user hover over highlighted field with login, System will display message with status information about account and further possible action to take.

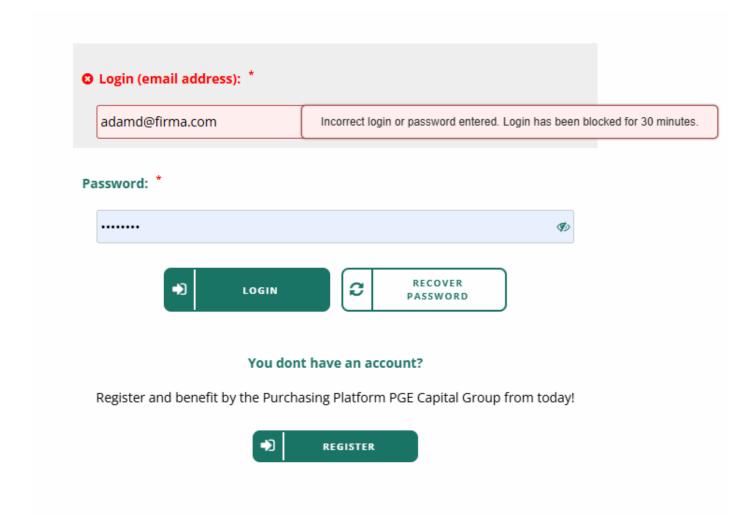


Image 34 - Login screen with 30 minutes login block

In case of 30 minutes block, user needs to wait for 30 minutes and then login option will be unlock. When user's account is block permanently, user needs to use "Recover password" option. If user is having problem with password recovery, Contractor's helpdesk is always ready to help with it.



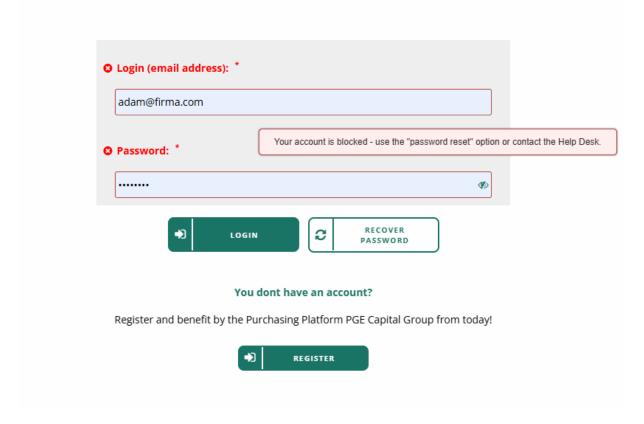


Image 35 - Login screen after account block

3.6 Recover password

Registered user can use "Recover password" action, available for not logged in users. In order to recover password, user needs to go on System's site, click on "Log in" button in right top corner, and use "Recover password" button on login site.



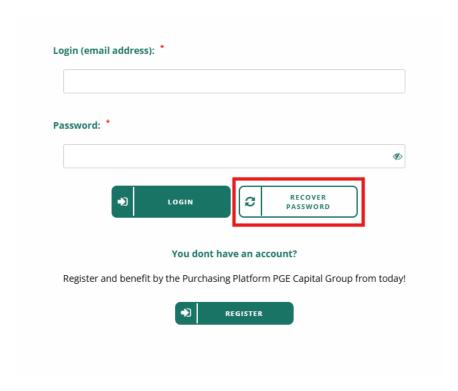


Image 36 - Log in screen

"Password recovery" can be used when:

- first login after PGE Capital Group Purchasing System was disconnected from OnePlace platform, if user owns accounts in both systems;
- first login after acceptance of registry application;
- unlock account after user provides System with wrong credentials several Times;
- unlock account after failed attempt to change password via "My profile";
- unlock account after account's password expires;
- unlock account after user did not log in to System for more than 90 days.

Clicking "Recover password" will redirect user to "Password reset" site:



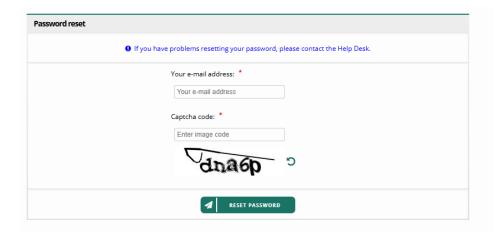


Image 37 - "Password reset" screen

User needs to provide System with correct e-mail address and Captcha code. After clicking on "Reset password" button, e-mail will be send on provided by user e-mail address (if such address exists in System). E-mail contains hyperlink "Change password". Clicking on it, will redirect user to change password site.

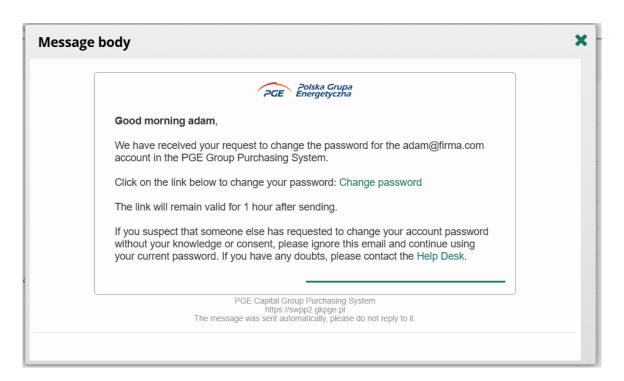


Image 38 - E-mail send to Contractor after requesting for "Reset password"

After clicking on "Change password", user will be redirected to "Password reset" site.



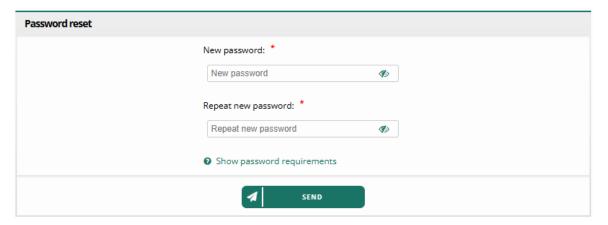


Image 39 – "Password reset" site

User needs to fill both fields with same password, that will meet password requirements. Entered values can be display by clicking on icon. Current password requirements can be checked with clicking "Show password requirements". Current password requirements are:

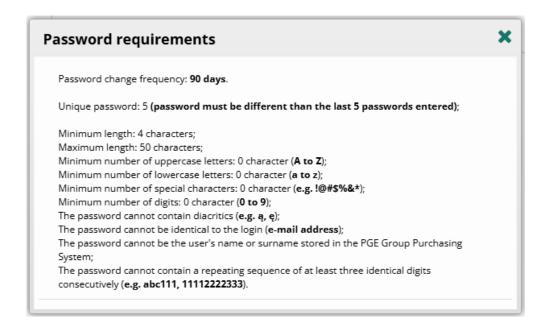


Image 40 - Password requirements

In case passwords do not match, or password does not meet "Password requirements", after clicking "send" button, System will highlight field. Also if user hover cursor over highlighted field, message will be displayed with error.



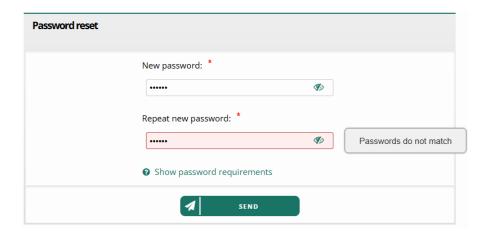


Image 41 - Error message displayed during password change

Successful password change will be announced with message, informing that user can now login with new credentials. On user's e-mail address, e-mail will be sent with password reset confirmation.

In case reset link from e-mail was used more than once or link expired, System will display error message. In such case user needs to use "Reset password" again and generate new link to "reset password".

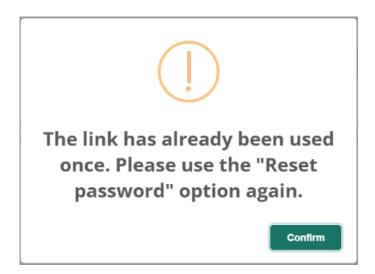


Image 42 - Link expired message

After confirming this message, user will be redirect to "Reset password" site. In such case, user needs to go through all steps described in this chapter.



4. Moving around the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System and submitting offers and applications (RFX)

4.1 "My profile", user's account management

Granting the consents described above and setting up 2 factor authentication will display the following view, and will unlock full access to all functionalities of the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System.

Return to the "Consents and Regulations" tab is possible via the "My profile" button.

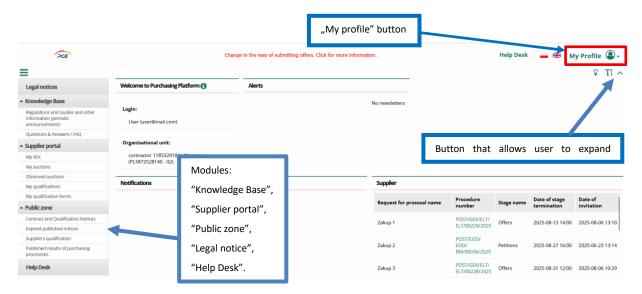


Image 43 - Contractor's Main page after logging in

On the left, all modules available for a given user are visible - "Legal Notes", "Contractor Portal" and "Public Area". "My profile" is located in top right corner, which allows user to manage account. Detailed description of "My profile" is presented in next chapter.



4.1.1 "My profile" – tab: "User data"

To move to "My profile" tab, user needs to click "My profile" in top right corner of main site. User needs to be logged in. "My profile" is displayed below.

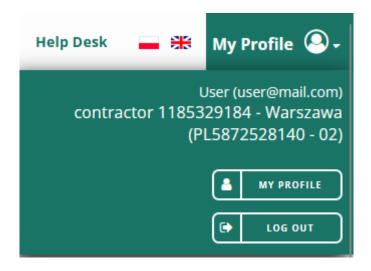


Image 44 - "My profile"

All tabs are divided into sections, and their content will be described below.

Clicking on "My profile" button, user will be redirected to first available tab: "User data"

4.1.1.1 Information



Image 45 - Section "Information" in "User data" tab

This section contains general information about account, FAQ and Help Desk for Contractor.



4.1.1.2 User profile



Image 46 - Section "User profile"

In this section user can edit personal data (First name, Last name, phone number) and language of System.

Attention: Changing name or/and last name, will cause need to give consent again, available in "Consents and regulations" tab. Especially mandatory consents.

4.1.1.3 Change e-mail address (login)



Image 47 - "Change e-mail address (login) section

In this section user can change e-mail address, which is also System's login. This section also contains hyperlink with description, redirecting to System detailed instruction.

In order to change e-mail address, user needs to use "Change email address (login)" button from this section. After clicking on "Change email address (login)" button, "Change e-mail address (login)" window will be displayed for user.



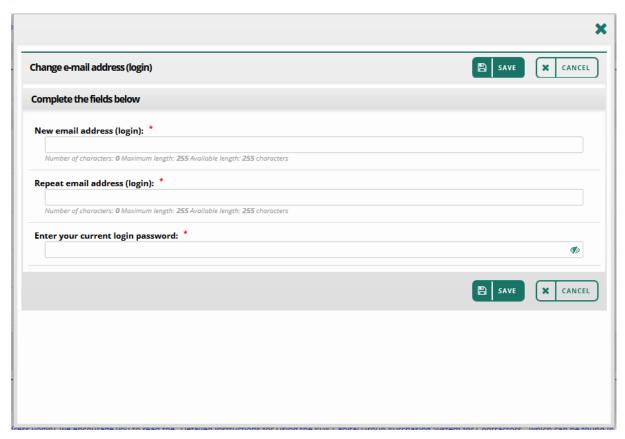


Image 48 - Login change window

User needs to fill "New email address (login)" and "Repeat email address (login)" with same new email address. Fields do not allow pasting values, user needs to fill it manually.

Additionally, user needs to provide System with **current** password. When user fills all fields and uses "Save" button, System will verify data correctness and in case of errors, will display proper message:

- Incorrect password "Password does not match current one";
- E-mail addresses do not match "New email address and duplicate email address are not the same";
- New e-mail address is the same as old one "new e-mail address is the same as current e-mail address";
- Invalid e-mail format "Incorrect email address format";
- In case of other e-mail address format anomaly "Invalid email address".

After user enter correct data, and use "Save" action, on <u>new</u> e-mail address, e-mail will be sent. E-mail contains information about receiving "Change email address (login)" request. Also message from System will be displayed like below:



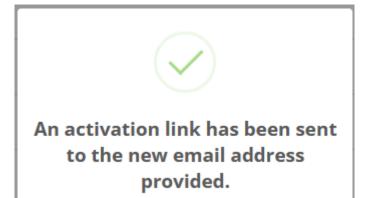


Image 49 - Message about sending activation link on new e-mail address

In e-mail user will find hyperlink "Change email address". Clicking this link will cause changing email address (login) and message from System will be displayed.



The email address (login) has been correctly changed. To log in to the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System, use the new email address as your login.

Image 50 - Message about successful email address change

Link in email will last for 1 hour. If user wants to change email address after link expires, he will needs to use "Change email address (login)" again.

After change, login to PGE Capital Group Purchasing System will be possible with new credentials (new email address).

Change will also trigger sending e-mail notification on previous e-mail address.



Attention: Changing e-mail address (login), will cause need to give consent again, available in "Consents and regulations" tab. Especially mandatory consents.

4.1.2 "My profile" – tab: "Consents and regulations"

4.1.2.1 Information



Image 51 – Section "Information" on tab "Consents and regulations"

This section contains general information about consents and regulations and also references to Help Desk for Contractors.

4.1.2.2 Required consents



Image 52 - "Required consents" section

This section contains required consents. Granting consent by user is required to use System. User can read the content of individual consents by clicking on the hyperlink available under each consent.

Attention! Fields become editable after user enter hyperlink to consent.



User can withdraw any consent. If user wants to withdraw required consent, System will display message:

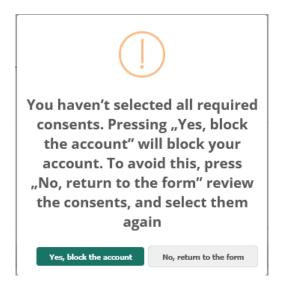


Image 53 - Message about not selecting required consent

If user does not want to block account, "No, return to the form" needs to be clicked and all required consent needs to be selected before saving form again.

Action "Yes, block the account" will save account settings, but account will be blocked after user logs out from System. Until log out, user will stay on "Consent and regulations" tab, where he can change his mind and select all required consents and save settings.

If user logs out, but still wants to use System, contact with Help Desk for Contractor will be required.

In case of updating regulations, System will require from user reading new documents and consenting to them. In such case after user log in to System, he will be redirected to "Consent and regulations" tab, where he will be able to read and accept new version of regulation. User will be able to use System after accepting new version of regulation. Dates on which consent was granted or withdrawn will be saved and displayed on the tab. If during checkbox configure, consents "Regulations of the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System" or "Values and Principles of the PGE Capital Group" were not selected, System will inform user about possible account block with message displayed above. To avoid account block, user needs to click "No, return to the form" and select all required consents. If user will not select all required consent, he will stay at "Consents and regulations" tab, where he can change his



mind. Logging out from System will cause account block. To access blocked account user needs to contact Help Desk for Contractors.

4.1.2.3 "Additional consents"

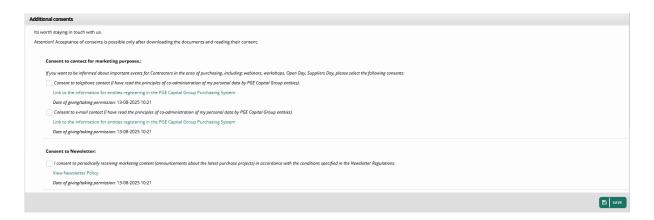


Image 54 - "Additional consents" section

This section contains additional marketing and Newsletter consents. Newsletter content is directly associated with user's purchasing categories personalized in tab "Favorite categories". Tab "Favorite categories" and Newsletter was described in detail in chapter 4.1.4.

The user can read the content of individual consents by clicking on the hyperlink available under the respective field.

If user wants to save form, without additional consents, System will display message:

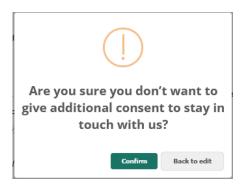


Image 55 - Message encouraging to select additional consents



4.1.3 "My profile" – tab: "Security"

4.1.3.1 Information



Image 56 - Section "Information" on tab "Security"

This section contains general information for example managing login password.

4.1.3.2 Password change



Image 57 - "Change password" section

This section contains "Change password" action and information about password requirements.

After clicking "Change password", new fields for new password will appear on form.



Image 58 - Password change view



In first field user is asked for **current** password. Next fields are for new password. New password must meet safety policies. Rules for creating strong password are available after clicking "Show password requirements". In case user will not enter same values in fields "New password" or "Repeat new password" or password does not meet safety policies, during saving, System will display proper message after user hover over highlighted in red field.



Image 59 – Message after entering wrong data in fields

In such case data in fields will be erased and user will need to fill filed again or resign from modification.

Attention: If user fail to provide current password for 5 time, account will be blocked. Unlocking account is possible via "Recover password" action or contact with Contractor's Help Desk.

4.1.3.3 Additional information



Image 60 - Section "Additional information"

This section contains information about password and logins:

- Password expiry date password expiry date, after this date account will be automatically blocked;
- Last successful login date of last (previous to current) successful login;
- Last failed login date of last failed login.



4.1.3.4 Two-factor login

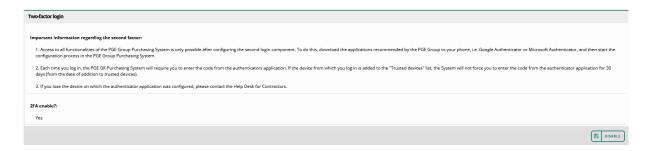


Image 61 - "Two-factor login" section

Two factor authentication is described in chapter 3.5.1 Setting up 2 factor authentication.

This section contains information if 2 factor authentication is enable on user's account.

If value in "2FA enable?" is "Yes", it means that second factor was successfully configured and functionality is working on this account. If user needs to switch off 2 factor authentication (for example user wants to change mobile device because of losing it), he can use "Disable" button. If user use "Disable" button, value in field "2FA enable" will be changed to "No". User will not be able to move around System, until he configure 2 factor authentication.

4.1.3.5 Trusted browsers



Image 62 – "Trusted browsers" section

Section is visible after user configure 2 factor authentication. This section contains all trusted devices added by user. User can log in on those devices without need to enter code from application.

In this section user can also add device, where he is logged in, to trusted browsers. To do so, user needs to use "add device to the trusted list" button. Every row represents one added device. Information in each row contains operating system, web browser and it's version and date when device was added.





Image 63 – Section "Trusted browser" after adding device to trusted list

Device can be removed from list with * action.

Device also can be add to trusted list during logging in, by checking "Add to trusted list":



Image 64 - Field "Add to trusted list" during logging in

Attention: Trusted devices are automatically removed from System after 30 days. If user wants to use removed device as trusted, after 30 days he will needs to add it again with "Add to trusted list" action on this device.

4.1.3.6 Close account



Image 65 - "Close account" section

If user does not want to use System anymore, he can close account and send request to be forgotten. In such case user needs to use "Close the account and send the cancellation" action. If user chose this option, System will display message:



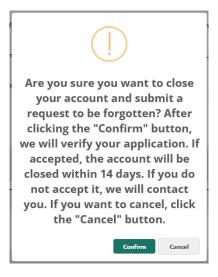


Image 66 - Message confirming closing account

If user chose "Cancel" button, message will be closed without any consequences. Confirming message will result in <u>logging out user</u> and blocking account. User will not be able to log in to System to this account. Also e-mail will be send with information that closing account procedure was started and it might take up to 14 days. In case of:

- Accepting request account will be closed and data is anonymized. User will receive e-mail with notification about completing process;
- Denying request admin will contact user.

In case user wants to regain access to account, after using "Close the account and send the cancellation" action, he immediately needs to contact Help Desk for Contractor.

4.1.4 "My profile" – tab: "Favorite categories"

4.1.4.1 Information



Image 67 - Section "Information" on "Favorite categories"



Section contains information about choosing favorite categories and Newsletter functionality.

4.1.4.2 Favorite categories



Image 68 – "Favorite categories" section

User can manage favorites categories in this section. Based on user's favorite categories, once a week Newsletter will be send on user's e-mail address. Newsletter contains information about proceedings published in last week in PGE Capital Group Purchasing System within user's favorite categories. Categories are added via pop-up window, after user click on "Add category". Category will be visible on categories list as separate row.

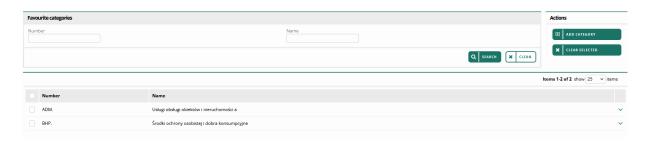


Image 69 - Section "Favorite categories" with example of added categories

Categories can be removed from list:

- With group action "clear selected"
- One by one, by clicking on row and using action "Delete"



Image 70 - Action "Delete" on favorite categories

Attention: In order to receive Newsletter, two conditions needs to be meet:

<u>List of favorite categories contains of at least one category;</u>



Checking checkbox with Newsletter on tab "Consents and regulations" in "additional consents" section.

4.1.5 "My profile" – tab: "Contractors details"

4.1.5.1 Information



Image 71 - Section "Information" on "Contractors details"

This section contains general information about preserving UpToDate data and hyperlinks to FQA or Help Desk for Contractors.

Attention: View in next section will differ depend on business form user is registered.

4.1.5.2 Contractor's details (Company)

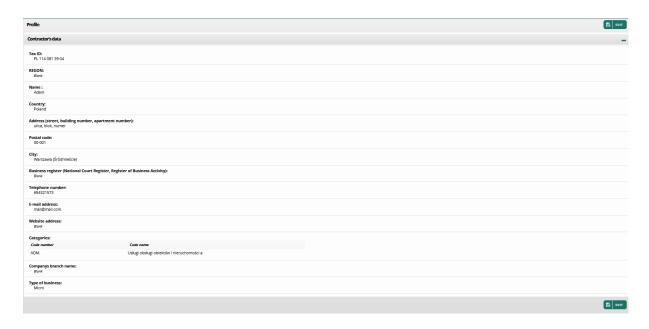


Image 72 - Section "Contractor's details" for Company



This section contains data related to the user who has registered as a legal entity. Data here can be editable, with action "Edit".

Editable data:

- a. Name;
- b. Address;
- c. Postal code;
- d. Cite:
- e. Business register (National Court Register, Register of Business Activity);
- f. Telephone number;
- g. E-mail address;
- h. Website address;
- i. Categories;
- j. Company's branch name;
- k. Type of business

Changing data (points a-d and j) will need to be confirmed by Contractor database administrator. If user change data in crucial fields, message in "Information" section will be displayed:

The change of data is pending approval of the Contractor Database Administrator. If you have any questions, please contact the Help Desk.

Image 73 - Message about Contractor's data change

Until administrator makes decision (accept or reject changes) form will not be editable and will display data before changes. If administrator reject changes, System will display message with reason why changes were rejected.

Your request to change the Contractors data has been rejected. Reason for rejection:

Wrong name

Image 74 - message displayed when administrator reject changes in Contractor's data

When administrator accept changes in data, changed data will appear in "Contractors details" tab and will be visible by all Contractor users.



4.1.5.3 Contractor details (Natural person not conducting business activity)



Image 75 - Section "Data of a natural person"

This section contains data related to a user who has registered as a natural person not conducting business activity. User can edit data with "Edit" action.

Editable data:

- a. Country
- b. Address
- c. Postal code
- d. City
- e. Categories

Changes in points a-d needs to be confirmed by Contractor database administrator.

Accepting or rejecting changes is the same as process described in chapter 4.1.5.2.

4.2 Submission of an offer / answer

NOTE - The description applies to non-public proceedings / technical dialogues / off contests with encryption and electronic signature requirement

In the list that appears after clicking on the section mentioned above, all available RFX objects are visible. If you want to participate in a given process, you should find it on the list (a search engine may be helpful) and click on it with the left mouse button.





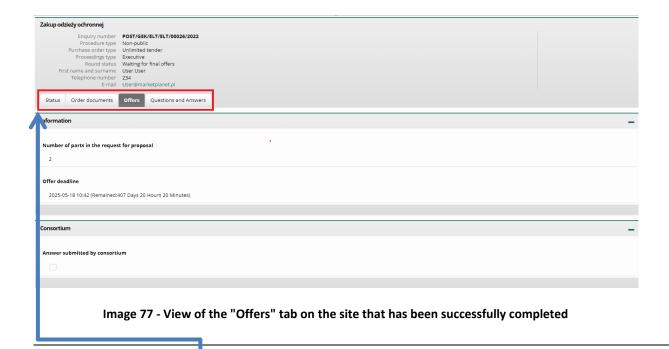
Image 76 - View of the RFX object from the public zone

The next step is to read the advertisement assigned to the given object (possibly with other attached documents) and if you want to participate in a given proceeding

- clicking on the "Proceed to proceedings" button.

NOTE - if the process is closed (e.g. only invited / admitted Contractors participate in it, then the selected RFX object can be found directly in the link "My RFX inquiries" (without the need to join)

Confirmation of joining the proceeding will be displayed in the pop-up window with the message "The electronic process has been started". The view of the given object automatically changes to the one whose fragment is presented in the image below. It is worth noting that simply "joining the proceedings" is not synonymous with the obligation to submit an offer.





The tabs will be visible - "Status", "Order documents", "Offers" and "Questions and answers".

4.2.1 Status tab

In the "Status" tab, basic information about the order is given, divided into several sections.

In the "Details of the contact person" section, in addition to the buyer's contact details, you can find information about the organizer of the procedure and the ordering units, as well as the categorization in which the procedure is conducted.

Contact person:		
Łukasz Testowy (lukasz.testowy@gkpge.pl) Main purchasing category:		
		Code number
BHP.394	Środki ochrony osobistej, BHP, P.poż.	
Procedure organizer: PGE Energetyka Kolejowa Holding Sp. z	o.o./Departament Zakupów i Logistyki	
Ordering units:		
Ordering units name	Ordering units data	
PGE Energetyka Kolejowa S.A.	ul. Hoża 63/67, 00-681 Warszawa	
All purchasing categories:		
Code number	Code name	
BHP.39401	Odzież robocza i ochronna	
BHP.39403	Ubiory reprezentacyjne	
Main CPV code:		
CPV code number	CPV code name	
18000000-9	Clothing, footwear, luggage articles and accessories.	
All CPV codes:		
CPV code number	CPV code name	
18412000-0	Sportswear.	
	Special workwear.	

Image 78 - View of the " Details of the contact person " section



In the "Basic data" section you can find information about the round type: "Open" / "Closed", the query model: "Requests" / "Initial offers" / "Offers" and the date and time of the end of the round. In the "Information about rounds of the electronic process" section, a table is available that displays information about individual stages and rounds of proceedings, start or end dates, type and type of round.



Image 79 - Rounds of the process

Each stage may contain many rounds, eg in the above example, two rounds were created for the "Offer" stage. Rounds are created, for example, when the previous round has not been resolved in the selection of the contractor. The person creating the new round may decide whether it will be carried out by means of RFX or auctions, as well as whether the previously submitted offers will be moved to the next round or not.

The transition to the preview of any round is possible by clicking on the name of the round (eg Round 1, Round 2). The round with the active preview enabled is marked in bold.

4.2.2 Separate Processing and Split Process Navigation

Purchaser has the option of creating post-auction and auction rounds based on specific parts of the process. These rounds may be run in parallel. This means that within one procedure, more than one current request for quotation (RFX round) may be active at the same time. Particular attention should be paid to the "Information on Electronic Process Rounds" section. It is available from the "Status" tab of each inquiry.



Image 80 - List of rounds in a given proceeding



The column "Round number" is helpful in navigating the process. Clicking on "Round number" will take you to designated round.

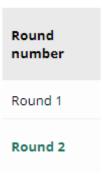


Image 81 - The column "Round number"

Rounds are numbered in the order in which they are created. So it is possible that the round with a lower number will take longer.

The mechanism of sending invitations to selected requests for quotation is standard. All current rounds are also displayed from the link "My RFX".

EXAMPLE

The procedure was divided into 4 parts. In the first round, the Purchaser always collects offers for all parts. Division of processes possible within negotiation and auction rounds. After the collection of offers and the analysis of individual forms were completed, there was a need to conduct overtime.

For parts 1 and 2, the Purchaser decided to conduct one joint overtime round and created Round 2 in line with this assumption. Access to the newly created Round 2 will be granted only to those Contractors who submitted an offer for parts 1 or 2.

NOTE - The Contractor, after entering the round, will only see the parts for which he submitted an offer in the previous round. Access to the round does not mean access to all parts (with the exception of being granted such access by the Purchaser).



For Parts 3 and 4, there is another overtime, Round 3, which includes both parts. If the Contractor submitted an offer for all parts in the basic round, then in order to submit a tender for all parts again, it is necessary to submit an offer for parts 1-2 in Round 2, and submit an offer for parts 3-4 in Round 3.

NOTE - the fact of dividing the process into parts does not affect the concluded contracts. It is possible to conclude one joint agreement on the basis of offers from various overtime rounds.

4.2.3 Order Documents tab

In the Order Documents tab, you can view and print All publication, such as an announcement or SWZ.

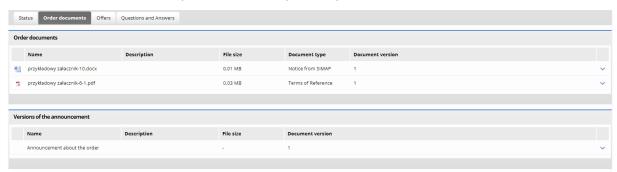


Image 82 - Order's documents tab

Additional, in case of adding information about results, it will be available in the Order Documents tab in section:: "Information about results" as it can be seen below:



Image 83 - Information about results

4.2.4 "Proposal" / "Preliminary offers" / "Offers" tab



On the tab "Conclusion / Preliminary offers" / "Offers", the "Comments" section is available, which contains information messages with hints on a given procedure. In the case of an example object, this message looks as follows:

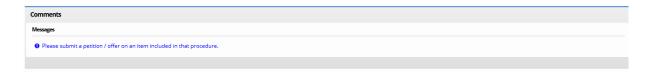


Image 84 - Section "Comments"

The "Untill end" counter appears to be helpful, which can be found in the "Request" tab in the "Information" section. It shows the time left to close a given stage in the proceedings.

In order to submit an application / offer or answer to a specific RFX object, use the "Parts" section, which, like the sections presented above, is located on the "Application" tab. It should be noted that the name of the tab varies depending on the type of response sent by the Contractors (requests to participate, offers, responses to market research), but the principle of operation is the same. Applications are made up per part. If the order has more than one part, left-click on the part or use the right mouse button to bring up the context menu and click on the "Details" option.

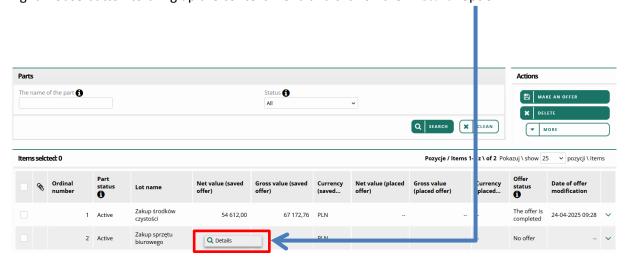


Image 85 - "Details" - placing an offer to a part

The action will open an editable form of the specific part. It should be completed, which is outdated in the figure below. Depending on the parameters of the procedure, the appearance of the form may vary, which affects the scope of information necessary to be completed by the Contractor.



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- 1) Conditions for participation in the proceedings, which should be addressed by the provided fields (eg drop-down lists). In the case of fields completed as a number, the System will inform about the minimum and maximum value that can be entered.
- 2) The magnifying glass icon allows to familiarize with a detailed description of the criterion or condition whose text will be displayed in the pop-up window.
- 3) List of items on a given part. Each row represents one item. In columns "Offer status", "Net price", "Gross price", "Currency", "Net value", "Gross value" division into saved values (white row) and placed values (blue row) was introduced.
- 4) "Add document" button that allows you to add files and documents.
- 5) After completing the form, click on the "Save and return" button

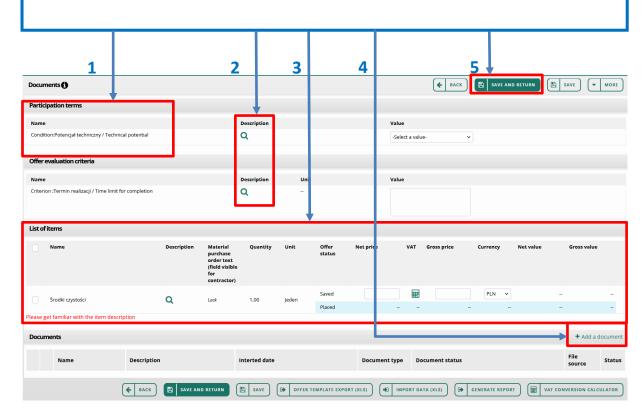


Image 86 - Submission of an offer to selected positions of one part of the contract



The "+ Add document" button, shown in the figure above, calls up the following window with the help of which the file can be added.

- 1. By clicking the icon with the plus symbol, it is possible to select files from the computer that will be attached to the part.
- 2. The names of selected files will be displayed in the window. The files will go through the scanning process, the completion of which will be confirmed by the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System through the green icon. You can delete selected files using the trash can icon
- 3. Select the document type from the drop-down list: explicit or implicit.
- 4. Confirm using the "Add" button.

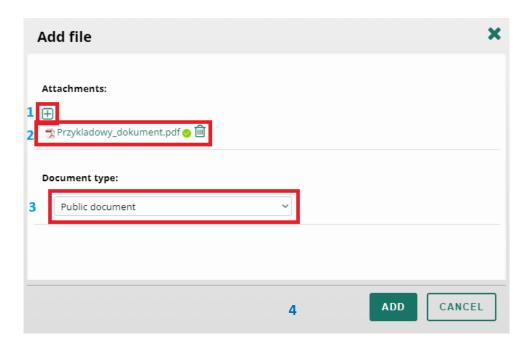


Image 87 - Add file

The added files are displayed on the list, along with information about them. The right mouse button displays a context menu with options: "Download", "Delete", "Edit description". The edit description option displays a pop-up window that allows you to enter any text as a file description. After document was added, next to it's name, exclamation mark icon will be displayed. It informs user, that document was saved but not placed. In order to place document, user needs to use "Submit petition/make an offer" action, described later in this chapter.





Image 88 - List of documents

It is worth paying special attention to the "Save" button. This action will cause the data entered by the user to be remembered, but this does not mean submitting the application. Save button will call "Petiton was saved / Attention! Offer was saved but not placed. Pleas place offer." pop-up, that needs to be "Confirm".

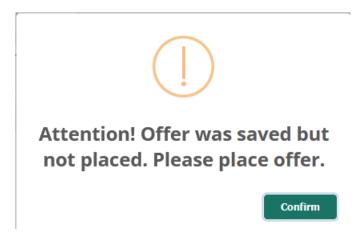
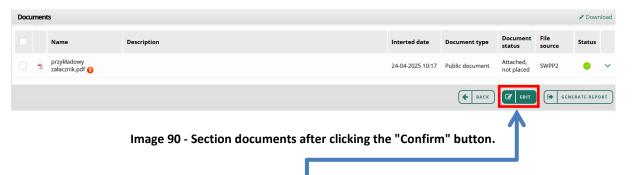


Image 89 - Offer saved pop-up

After confirmation "Documents" section will look like this:



If you want to change the application, click on "Edit". This button will return to the previous view.

To complete the application for the next part, you can choose the "Next part" button in the upper right corner of the screen or select "Save and return" to return to the view of all parts.





Image 91 - "Next part" button

Help in the application can be messages that are in the "Comments" section on the "Status" and "Proposal/Offers" tabs.

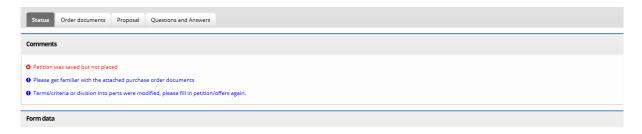


Image 92 - The "Comments" section along with the messages

As you can see in the above image, the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System informs the Contractor that his application has been only saved and reminds you to read the attached order documents. Clicking on the message "Petition / offer was saved, but not placed" will result in redirection to the "Proposal/Offer" tab, where it will be possible to submit an application, offer or other answer to the demand expressed by the Ordering Party.



The "Save and return" button redirects the user to the parts list. Select check boxes and click on the "Submit petition" button. In the case of the offer stage, it will be called: "Make an offer".

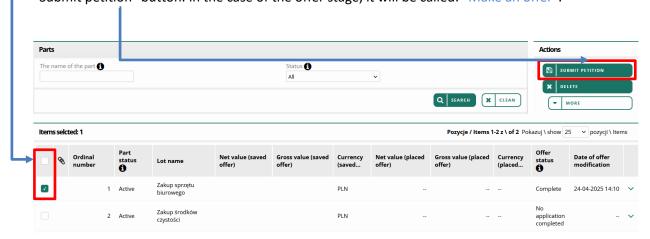


Image 93 - Submitting the petition for the selected part

Submission of the application by clicking the "Submit application. Offer" will require one-time confirmation on the pop-up window.

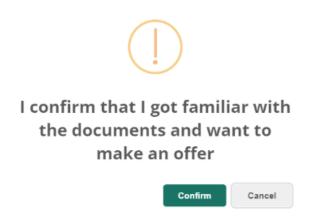


Image 94 - A message requesting confirmation of submission of an application

In case of editing, petition/offer that was already placed, and saving changes made in petition/offer, on tabs "Status" and "Proposal/Offers" in section "Comments" message "The application has been modified. Please, submit the application once again." will appear. Clicking on this message will result in redirection to the "Proposal/Offer" tab, where it will be possible to submit an application, offer or other answer to the demand expressed by the Ordering Party.



Comments

The application has been modified. Please, submit the application once again.

Image 95 - "Comments" section with message about modified application

Proceedings for awarding the contract, to which the Contractor was invited or proceeded independently, will be visible immediately after he has passed to the GK PGE Purchasing System in the "Interested" section, as presented in the following image:

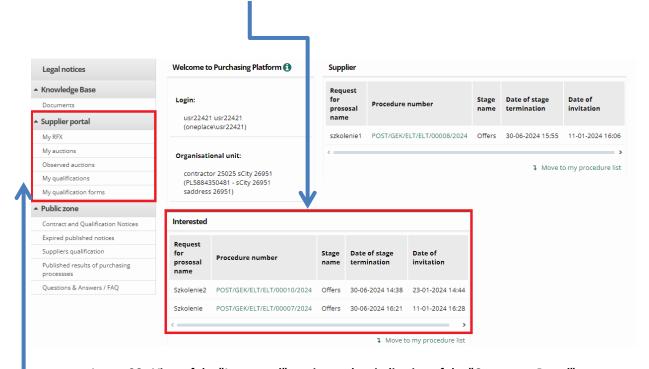


Image 96 - View of the "Interested" section and an indication of the "Contractor Portal"

All objects to which the Contractor joined will be available through the "Supplier Portal" module.

An important element of the "Contractor Portal" module is the link "My RFX", in which the Contractor's user will find a list of all proceedings, for which he expressed interest through the declaration of accession. What is more, the user will find in this reference also all non-public proceedings, to which he was invited by the Ordering Party. In addition, there will also be proceedings that the authorized user has made available to the Contractor a folder with documents. The "My RFX" link has been discussed on the next page.



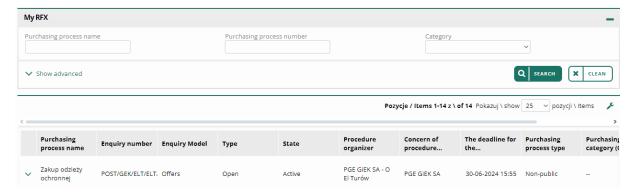
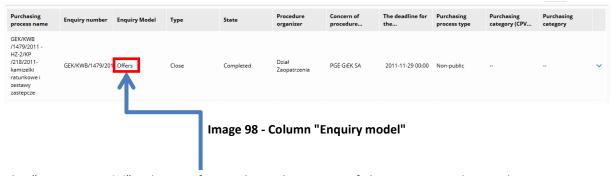


Image 97 - "My RFX "

In the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System's nomenclature, the "My" component means that it is an object to which the Contractor joined as a result of his own pursuit or dedicated invitation from the Ordering Party. The view presented in the above image appears after clicking on the link "My RFX". The list of all proceedings and the search engine is visible. If you want to make an offer or preview a given object, find it on the list and click with the left mouse button. This will display the given RFX object.

It is worth noting that the objects located in the "My Conduct" section are RFX objects, not complete proceedings. This means that the user will find here different stages of the proceedings, not all proceedings. If the given procedure consists of more than one stage, eg negotiations and offers, the list will show the newest of them, i.e. the appearance of the next stage of RFX in the proceeding will result in disappearing from the list of the preceding stage. However, after entering the object from the status tab, it is possible to go to the preview of all stages and rounds of proceedings. At any time, the user has the opportunity to suspect with which stage of the proceedings he has to deal already from the level of the "My Conduct" list. This is presented in the following view:





The "Enquiry model" column informs about the nature of the given RFX object. The contractor, in addition to the basic information about the proceedings (name and number), can easily identify in which stage he / she may potentially participate. In the above image, these are "Offers".

The Employer has the possibility to invite interested contractors to individual proceedings or selected RFX objects. If the Contractor was invited by the ordering party, the user representing this Contractor will receive an email notification and notice on the start screen (available after redirecting to the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System) in the "Contractor" section of the relevant object:



Image 99 - RFX Object "Offers" in the "Contractor" section



This object will also be available in the "Portal of the Contractor" module (reference "My RFX objects"). Requests, offers or answers are based on parts of the order. If the order contains more than one part, the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System will emphasize this in the "Information" section on the tab appropriate for the model of a given stage, eg the "Initial offers" tab.

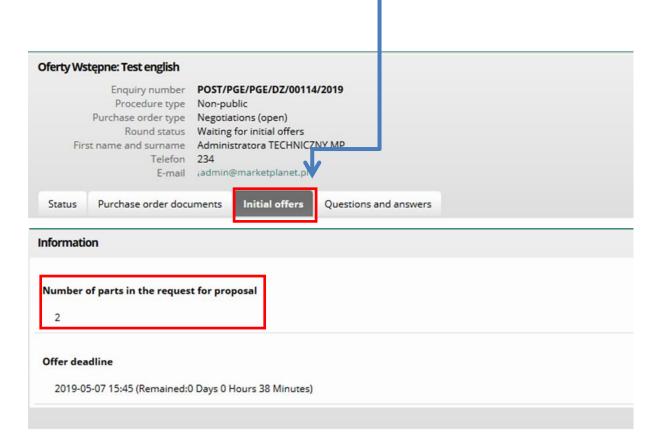


Image 100 - The "Information" section on the "Initial offers" tab

It is worth emphasizing here that the name of the bookmark depends on the nature of the RFX object. If the Employer collects applications within the facility, this tab will be called "Applications", and if the Contracting Party is awaiting initial or final offers, the name of the tab will be "Initial offers" or "Final offers".

The picture presented on the next page shows the situation during which the Purchaser collects initial offers. Due to the fact that the order has two parts, the Contractor will have to submit two offers - one for each part.



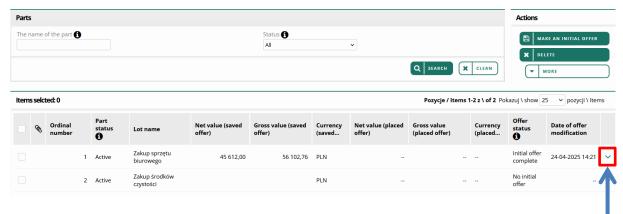


Image 101 - View of part of the order on the "Initial offers" tab

In order to submit an offer for a given part, the user representing the Contractor should enter the selected part by clicking on its name with the left mouse button or clicking the icon and selecting the "Details" option from the context menu.

The action described above displays detailed information about a given RFX object. Find the "Documents" section. This section is described on the next page.



- List of items assigned to a given part. The offer consists of each of the items in the part by filling in the fields "Net price" and "Gross price". The given value is always the price for one unit of measure (eg packaging, man-hour).
- 2) Depending on the criteria, conditions or additional items of the form required by the Ordering Party, the Contractor is obliged to complete the requested fields. If it is the next round of the same stage, the fields may already be supplemented with the previously entered values, if the decision was made to transfer the submitted offers during the creation of the round.
- 3) The "Save and return" button will save the offer and redirect the Contractor to the "Initial offers" tab. This is not tantamount to submitting an offer.

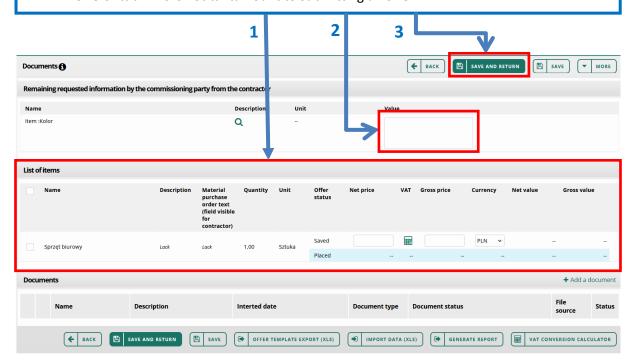


Image 102 - The "Documents" section on the "Initial offers" tab

When completing the offer, in the fields "Net price" and "Gross price" use the functionality available under the calculator icon, which allows you to convert amounts between these fields. For this purpose, one of the amounts should be completed, eg "Net price" and then, in order to calculate the second value, open the following window through the icon with the calculator symbol. It is not possible to complete both fields manually, always one of the values must be converted using the described functionality.



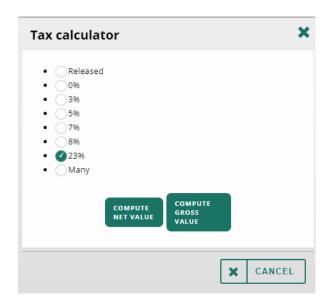


Image 103 - Calculator for VAT conversion

The VAT recalculation calculator contains the most common VAT rates, along with the default 23% option. Of these, you should choose one using a checkbox. If the initially entered value was "Net price", select the "Compute gross value" button, and if the value initially entered was "Gross price" then the "Compute net value" button should be selected. After selectin VAT ratio: "many" both: net price and gross prise has to be entered using keyboard.

When user save the offer System will show an alert with information:

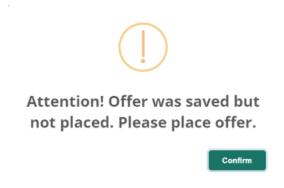


Image 104 - Alert displayed when offer was saved

Closing window with alert is possible only by clicking action: "Confirm".

It is also possible to import data from a previously generated import template in .xls format.



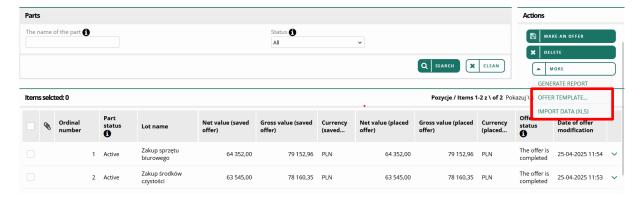


Image 105 - Import options

In order to generate template, user have to indicate (mark on the list) for which parts it will be generated. If the user does not mark any of the available parts and click the action: "Offer template export (xls)" - System will display an appropriate alert with the following information: "You have to select at least one of the available parts to generate a template for it".

If template is generated correctly, a file in .xls format with data on conditions/criteria and additional items defined for all selected parts will be saved on the user's local drive.

The template will contain data of all parts selected by user in the form presented below:



Image 106 - Data template



User completes the fields marked in yellow for the parts for which he wants to import the data to the System.

After completing the data template, imports it into the System. To do this, perform the action: "Data import (xls)", after which a window will be displayed in which the location of the completed file should be indicated.

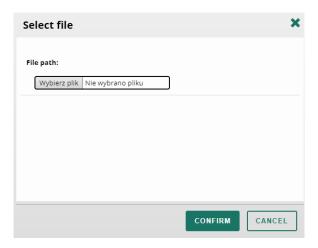


Image 107 - Import window



The data template can be completed by user only in the scope of selected parts.

In order the data for parts to be imported correctly, all cells marked in yellow for this part have to be completed. In case of shortages or entering incorrect values, data for such a part will not be imported, and the System will display information about errors (in the Polish language):

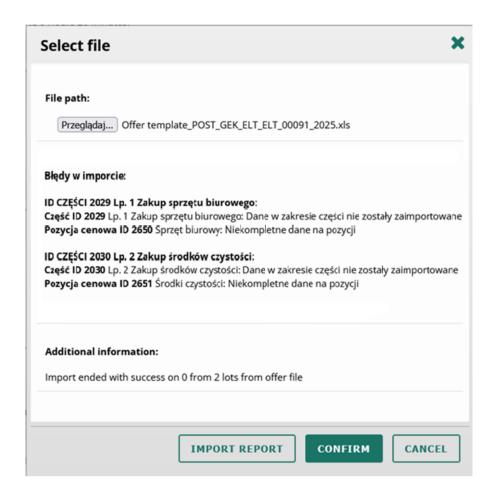


Image 108 - Information about errors appeared during data import



Clicking action: Import Report - generates a file in .html format with a list of all errors. Action: Confirm

- will save data for parts which the data template was correctly imported. Action: *Cancel* - will close the window without saving the imported data.

Correct import marks the status of the part: "Offer completed".

When the data is correctly imported in terms of all parts available in the imported template, System will display the following message: "The data was successfully imported. Data saved on {number of parts} from {number of parts} available in data template"



The data was successfully imported. Data saved on 2 from 2 lots available in data template.

Image 109 - Message after correctly data import

The "Generate report" button allows you to generate a file containing information about the submitted / saved offer. Clicking the button brings up a window containing a list of previously submitted / saved offers within the selected round.



Image 110 - Generate report

Clicking on the selected object on the list generates a pdf file containing the details of the submitted / saved offer.



Returning to the "Initial offers" tab allows to notice a significant change - for those parts of the order, the details of which were edited by the user, checkboxes will appear (deselected by default).

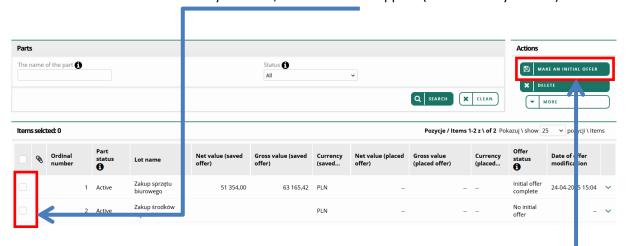


Image 111 - "Make an initial offer" button and checkboxes for parts

Submitting offers is possible by clicking on the "Make initial offer" button. If you want to make an offer for a given part, please check the box next to it and then click on the "Make initial offer" button. If the user selects more than one check box and clicks on the button, the offers will be submitted to all parts with selected check boxes.

The "Make an initial offer" button will result in a message that was presented in the previous batch of this manual. The only difference is that this time the user submits the initial offer, not the application.

The process presented on the above pages looks identical also for the stage of final offers. The difference appears in the case of the "Negotiations" stage, which does not require any invited operators to undertake any activities undertaken in the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System environment - negotiations take place outside the System.

From the third tab (depending on the stage of "Requests" / "Offers" / "Initial offers"), the contractor may decide to submit an offer by a consortium. The functionality is available using the following checkbox.





Image 112 - Consortium

Selecting the checkbox displays the message: "Consortium in offer has been selected" and the "Consortium" section has been extended by two tables "Consortium data" and "Proxy data".

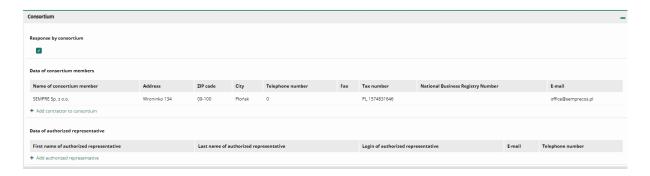


Image 113 - Consortium

By means of the action "+ Add contractor to the consortium" a window is opened that allows entering the consortium's data.



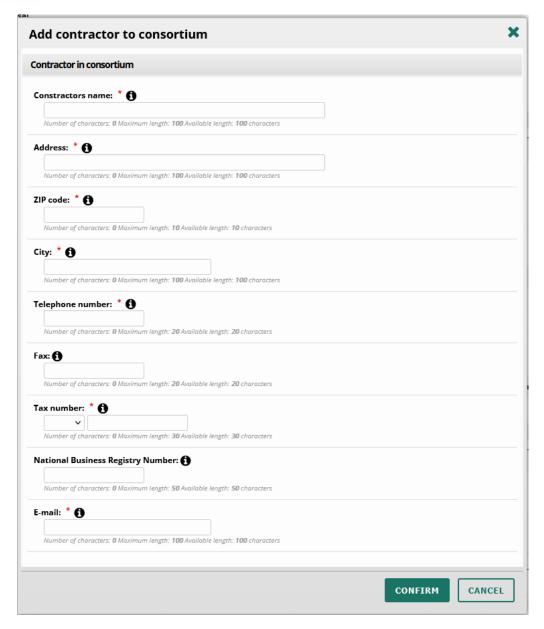


Image 114 - Adding a contractor to the consortium

Completion of the offer by the consortium in the remaining steps does not differ from the method presented on the previous pages.

4.2.5 The Questions and Answers tab

The PGE Capital Group Purchasing System enables communication between the Employer and the Supplier, and the Questions & Answers tab is used for this. It contains two sub-tabs:



 Information received from the ordering party - the section allows to display and print a list of messages received from the Ordering Party

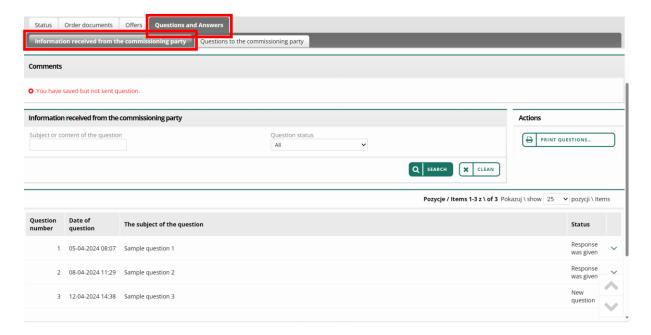


Image 115 - Questions and Answers: Information received from the ordering party

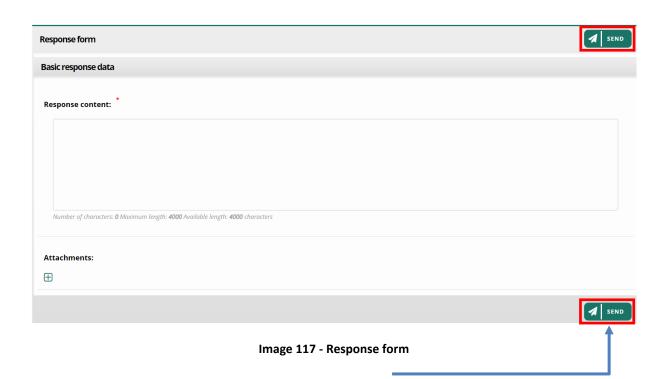


You can read received message by entering the details of the message. The action appears after right-clicking on the appropriate line.



Image 116 - The details of received question

Using the "Answer the question of commissioning party" action, you can reply to the received message. After clicking on the action, a response form will open, where you can provide a response in text form and attach a document.



After completing the form correctly, click the "Send" action.

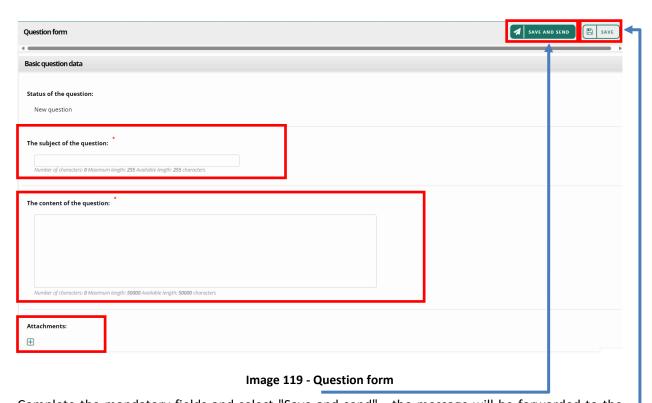


2. Questions addressed to the ordering party - the section allows to display all questions that the interested party has asked the Employer. It also allows you to ask a new question.



Image 118 - Questions and Answers: Questions addressed to the Buyer

After using the "Add new question" action, a message to the Ordering Party form will open, where you can provide relevant information or ask questions regarding the purchasing process in text form, with the option of attaching a file.



Complete the mandatory fields and select "Save and send" - the message will be forwarded to the Ordering Party. Alternatively, you can save a draft message by clicking the "Save" button. The saved message will not be visible on the Ordering Party's side. You will be able to edit and send it at any time, which will be announced in the "Comments" section.





Image 120 - Saved question form

5. Participation in public proceedings

The proceedings announced on October 18, 2018 (and later) are covered by legal provisions regarding the electronicization of public procurement and require the collection of applications/offers only electronically (except for cases provided for by the Legislator, when the offer includes physical objects, e.g. material samples, and the Contractor submits electronically only the ESPD document). In order to determine the appropriate form of submitting documents in public proceedings, please refer to the provisions of the Terms of Reference/Contract Notice. The functionalities described are related to the introduction of an encryption mechanism and electronic signing of the application/offer form.

5.1 Procurement

The list of offers is available in the "Public zone" via the link " Contract and Qualification Notices ".



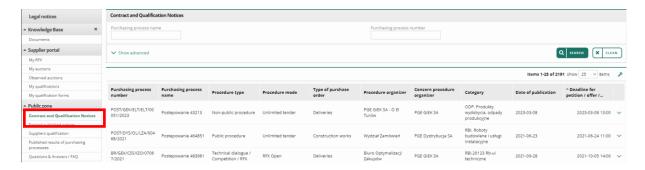


Image 121 - Place of publication of announcements

To proceed to the proceedings, click on the selected object with the left mouse button. An ad dedicated to him (containing order documents) will be displayed.



Image 122 - Entering into proceedings (public)

The button available in the header above the announcement allows you to proceed to the proceedings. This does not mean having to submit an offer, but access to the RFX object. What's more, such an RFX object will be available from now on the list of "My RFX".

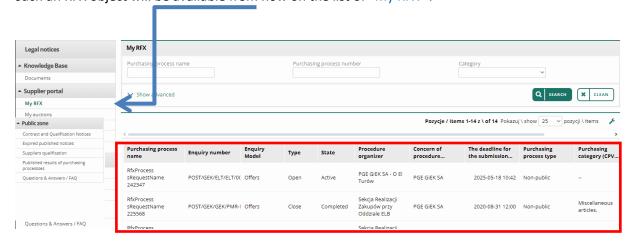


Image 123 - RFX object available on the "My RFX" list after joining the proceedings



5.2 "Applications / Offers" tab

After joining the proceedings, a tab dedicated to the type of response collected by the ordering party in a given stage, eg "Offers" or "Applications" will be displayed. If this is the first stage of the public procedure (eg "Applications" under a limited tendering procedure), then the "ESPD Attachment" section will appear on the tab. The submission of an ESPD is always required at the first stage of a given proceeding (the exception here is the "Single-source procurement" stage, where the first stage of "Negotiations" is optional and does not require System actions on the part of the Contractor).

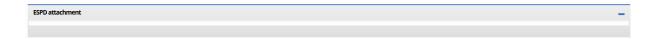


Image 124 - ESPD Attachments (without add file buttons)

It should be noted that the section "ESPD Attachments" currently has no buttons to add a file. This is the correct operation of the System, because the buttons will appear only after completing the application / offer for at least one part.



Image 125 - Parts of public proceedings

To complete the part, click on the selected part of the procedure (section "Parts") with the left mouse button. The mechanism for completing applications / offers does not differ from the description in Section 6.3 "Submission of an offer / answer". The main difference is the encryption mechanism used in public proceedings.



5.3 Encrypting

Encryption is a mechanism whose purpose is to prevent the unauthorized persons from displaying the content of the offer / application / response before the expiration of their opening date. At the moment the user made one of the actions that triggered the encryption - "Add file" (section "ESPD attachments"), "Save", "Save and return", "Next part" or "Submit an offer / offer" - a control window will be called from encryption.

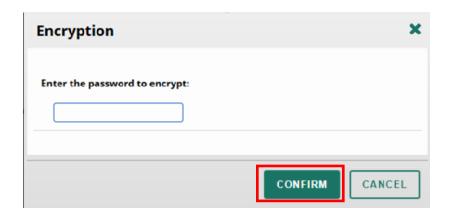


Image 126 - Encryption window

A password should be entered in the window that will serve to encrypt the offer. Special characters are allowed, excluding the space character. After entering the password, click on the "Confirm" button. Successful saving of the password will confirm the message about the action execution, e.g. saving the application. From the moment the password is first entered, it is permanently assigned to the offer / application. After encrypting the offer, supplier on tab "Offers" in "Parts" section, instead of offer's value will see information "Encrypted offer".

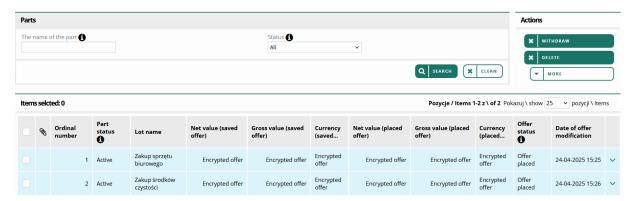


Image 127 - Information "Encrypted offer" instead of offer's values



NOTE - It is not possible to change the password once without withdrawing the offer / application. The password is required from the user once per session, i.e. after logging in and attempting to edit / submit an offer / application, a password will be requested. If the user performs all actions in the same session in which the password was set to encrypt, then the password again will not appear until the user logs in again. Each offer has its own, dedicated password. This means that the password once entered must be saved/remembered. If user forgets password, only options to solve this issue are: delete saved offer or withdraw placed offer. Offer withdrawal is described in chapter 5.9

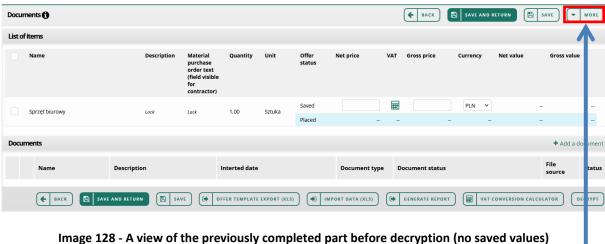
The only option to display the content of the offer / proposal of the offer will be to decipher it. Importantly, the offers will be automatically decoded after the offer opening date (defined by the Employer). There is no need to provide anyone with the password used to encrypt the offer / request / response data.

The PGE Capital Group Purchasing System has implemented the functionality of decoding offers for the needs of the Contractor's user, for example in order to remind them or modify the offer and resubmit. The functionality is described in the next section.



5.3.1 **Decrypting**

The display of encrypted data from the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System, e.g. for the purpose of their editing, is associated with the necessity to decode the offer / application. Otherwise, the fields with previously entered data will remain empty. The action of deciphering the offer / application is carried out once per session using the "Decrypt" button. It is available from part of the proceedings.



To call the decryption action, click on the "More" button and select the "Decrypt" option from the

drop-down list.

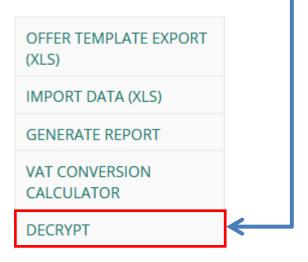


Image 129 - "Decrypt" action

Decryption requires entering the password set at the first encryption. Enter the password in the window and confirm the action.



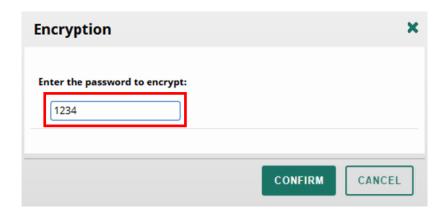


Image 130 - Decrypting offer data

Submitting correct password will decrypt the offer on all positions.

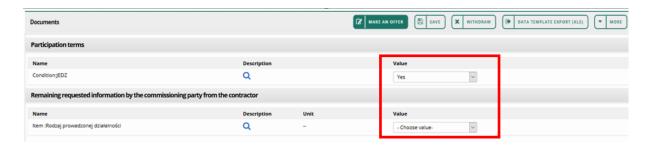


Image 131 - View of the decrypted part with the values originally entered



5.4 The European Singe Procurement Document

ESPD is an obligatory element of the application / offer. It is submitted together with the application / offer after the file has been attached via the section "ESPD attachment" available from the "Offers / Applications" tab. According to the information presented in Chapter 5.2 "Applications / Offers tab", joining ESPD is obligatory at the first stage of a given proceeding (with the exception of the "Single-source procurement" mode, where ESPD is placed at the stage of "Offers").

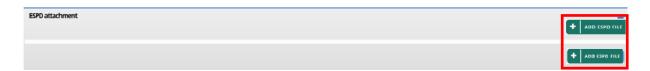


Image 132 - Section "ESPD attachment" with buttons "Add file"

The ability to attach the ESPD file (presence of the "Add file" buttons) is conditioned by the editing of one part of the proceeding, ie supplementing it and saving (it is worth keeping in mind the column "Status"). In order to attach a file with a generated document, ESPD, click on one of the two "Add file" buttons. The following window will be called - press the plus icon, and after scanning the file (green icon) it will be included. It remains to press the "Add" button.

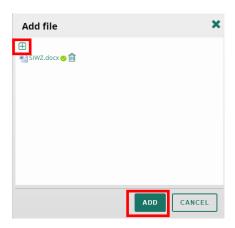


Image 133 - Add ESPD Attachment window

Correct connection of the file will confirm the message.



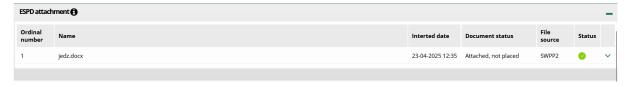


Image 134 - The view of the file added to the section "ESPD Attachment"

The file attached by the user can be signed electronically from the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System. To do this, click on the attached file with the right mouse button. This calls the context menu with a number of options:



Image 135 - Context menu with the option of signing a document from the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System

Selecting the "Sign" option will result in the launch of the electronic signature procedure, which is analogous to the one presented in the next part of the instruction to sign the application / offer form electronically.

NOTE - the Contractor's user has the choice between signing the EINCESS attachments from the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System level or attaching files already with an electronic signature (eg from the workstation level). It should also be mentioned that the ESPD and the signature submitted to EIN are encrypted. The possibility of downloading the ESPD and the signature placed under it will appear after the offers have been opened by the Ordering Party.



5.5 Adding attachments to the application / offer

From the level of a particular part of the proceedings (clicking on a given part with the right mouse button and choosing the "Details" option), the Contractor's user has the possibility to attach documents to the application or offer. Maximum size of the files uploaded to the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System is 150 MB. Acceptable files extensions are: xls, xlsx, doc, docx, pptx, pdf, xml, rar, zip, gif, jpg, dwg, tif, tiff, txt, rtf, jpeg, bmp ,ath, kst, png, asic, cades, xades, pades, 7z, mp4, msg, url, ods, cpg, dbf, prj, qmd, shp, odt, xlsm, ppt, html. It is recommended to upload files with pdf format. When user adds document, next to it's name icon with explanation mark will be displayed (Image 77). This icon informs supplier that document was attached but not placed. In order to place document attached to item, supplier needs to use action "Make an offer" for this item.

Adding attachments is possible using the option "+ Add a document".

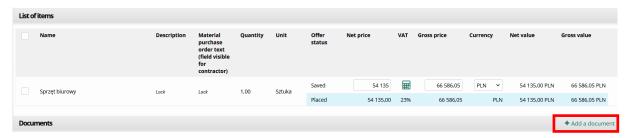


Image 136 - The location of the "Add document" button

Details related to the operation of the functionality are described in detail in chapter 4.3.4. It is worth noting that the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System allows users to sign documents electronically (other than the application / offer form). To do this, after adding the document (action described in 4.3.4), right-click on it and select the option "Sign" from the context menu.



Image 137 - Electronic signature of attachments of the offer / application

The procedure is similar to signing an offer form. In the case of signing attachments to the offer / application or the EIN annex, clicking the right mouse button on the document will allow to notice an



additional option – "Download the signature". After the action has been carried out, the user's workstation will receive a confirmation of signature with a qualified signature. For correct verification of the signature, the "Download" action should also be performed to download the signed documents.



Image 138 - Downloading signature action

This option will download the electronic signature to the computer. The availability of options results from the specificity of functionality - the signature placed under the files placed in the section "ESPD attachment" or "Documents (attachments to applications / offers") is saved as a separate file with a reference to the signed document (eg image). In the case of the application / offer form, the signature is embedded inside the file.



5.6 Submission of an application / offer bearing an electronic signature

In the context of correct completion and recording of applications / tenders for particular parts of the proceedings, the provisions presented in chapters 4.2 and 4.3 apply. After fulfilling all the conditions for submitting an offer / application in public proceedings, i.e. supplementing and saving the offer / application for at least one part of the proceeding and adding an obligatory (at the first stage) ESPD attachment, it will be possible to submit an application / offer.



Image 139 - Before submitting an offer / application, check the boxes at selected parts

To do this, select the appropriate parts of the procedure (fig. 82) and press the button "Make an application / offer" ("Applications / Offers" tab).



Image 140 - Submission of responses (application / offers) to the Employer

In contrast to non-public proceedings, the condition for correct submission of an application / offer is the electronic signing of the generated form. The electronic signature procedure takes place from the level of the web browser and will start automatically after clicking on the "Submit application / offer" button. The correct implementation of the electronic signature on the document is associated with the need to meet specific requirements (technical boundary conditions, configuration of the workstation and work environment).



Requirements and recommendations are presented in detail in the document "Electronic Signature, Configuration and Submission of Auction Proceeds". Before participating in public proceedings carried out in the environment of the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System, it is necessary to read this document.

5.7 Electronic signature and multi-signature

The course of the offer submission process with an electronic signature is presented in a similar way to the way of submitting the offer described in the previous part of the Instruction (chapter 4.3). Turning to the tab dedicated to submitting RFX responses (eg "Application"), the "Number of people signing the offer" section will be visible. It is a mechanism of the so-called "Multi-signature", meaning the necessity of signing each offer by more than one user (the necessity may arise, for example, from the Contractor's organizational conditions or Ordering Party requirements defined in the documentation of the proceedings). Before submitting the offer, the Contractor is obliged to complete the field "Number of people signing the offer".

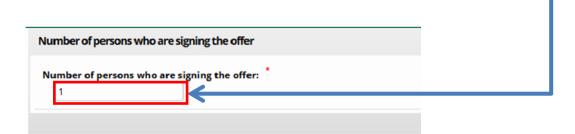


Image 141 - Section "Number of people signing the offer"



After clicking on and clicking on the button "Submit [OFFER / APPLICATION]" a message will appear informing about the initiation of the electronic signature. The course of the first launch of the electronic signature procedure from the level of recommended browsers (Mozilla FireFox and Microsoft Internet Explorer) is described in detail in the document "Electronic signature, configuration and submission of bidding increments".

If the browser does not have the required version of the plugin, a pop-up window with a button will appear on the screen "Installation of the extension".



Image 142 - Window for downloading extension updates (Internet Explorer)

NOTE - The course of the installation, commissioning and signing the document from Microsoft Internet Explorer is presented in the e-learning material "PGE electronic signature." Before starting the signature procedure, it is recommended to read the material.

The button will redirect you to the place where you can download the required updates. After the potential installation / update needed to run the Szafir applet has finished, it will run.



The application / offer form (PDF), which will be signed with the user's electronic signature, is presented at the level of the KIR Szafir console in the appropriate window. The document is generated automatically based on the details of the application / offer entered by the user. By using the "Save a copy" button it is possible to download the signed document to the computer.

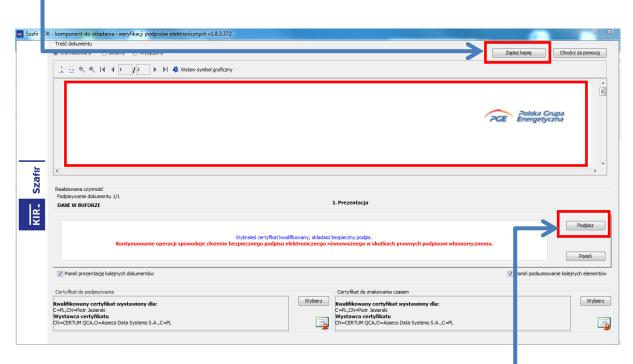


Image 143 - View of the launched application for electronic signature

By clicking on the "Sign" button, the user can after signing the data sign the generated document. A successful action will be confirmed with an appropriate message, which is presented in the picture below. Press the "Finish" button.

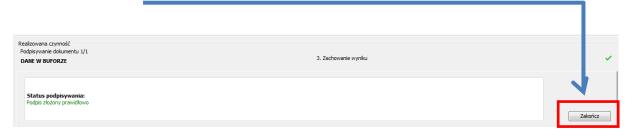


Image 144 - "Finish"



After completing the "Finish" action, the application will display a window presenting a detailed "Summary of the actions" carried out by the user, which is divided into a series of statuses, eg "Signing" or "encryption"

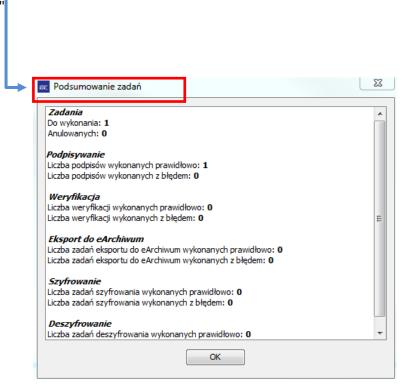


Image 145 - Window summarizing the actions in the application for electronic signature



The offer has been submitted, but if the Contractor's user in the field "Number of persons signing the offer" indicated the necessity of affixing the offer with more than one electronic signature (by entering the number 2 and more), subsequent users of the Contractor will be obliged to sign the offer / application. In the "Documents" section, the "Sign" button will become available.

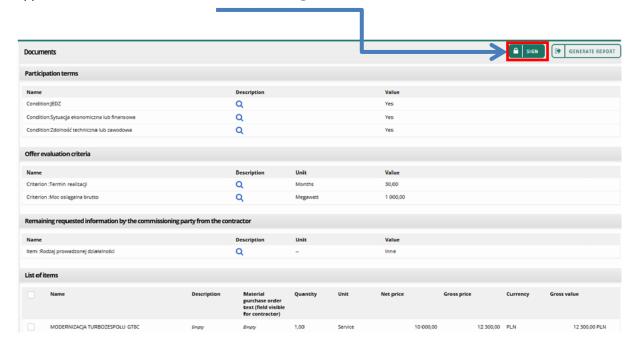


Image 146 - "Sign" button

ATTENTION - in the event of problems with the electronic signature, the technical requirements contained in the document "Electronic signature - instruction" should be verified first and compliance with the instructions.



5.8 Proposal / offer submitted

Submission of the application / offer will be confirmed by a message saying "Offer / Application submitted correctly". By accessing the "Application / Offer" tab, you can verify the status of applications / offers for individual parts of the order and the status of the ESPD attachment.



Image 147 - Status of ESPD attachments "Placed" ("Document status" column)



Image 148 - Offer Status ("Offer placed")

By clicking on the "Generate report" action (available both from the list of all parts and a given part), the Contractor's user can also generate and download a PDF with the details of the submitted offer.

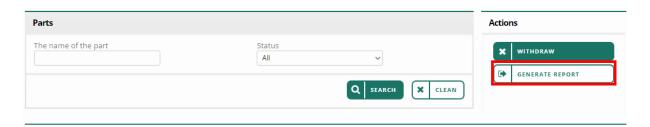


Image 149 - "Generate report" action



Image 150 - List of possible to generate reports from applications / offers



In order to generate a document with the details of the offer from a particular state (individual entries or final submission), select the appropriate line and click on the action "Generate report". Additionally, the Contractor, after submitting the offer, will receive an email confirmation generated from the System. Report will not include deleted/withdrawn offer (Delete/Withdrawal described in chapter 5.9)



Image 151 - Generating a report from the submitted offer

ATTENTION - with the expiration of the offer opening date and after buyer uses action "Go to filling out offer details and evaluation", both buyer and supplier are able to use "Generate report" button and clicking the right mouse button on the application / offer, to download a previously signed document.



Image 152 - Download the signed document



5.9 Delete/Withdrawal of the application / offer

The Contractor may withdraw the submitted application or delete saved application before the deadline for submission of tenders. Deletion of saved offer will erase whole, previously saved, offer form. After offer withdrawal "Offer status" will change from "Offer placed" to "Offer completed" and offer's data will not be erased. In case of encrypted offers, offer withdrawal will require offer decryption. If offers are encrypted while user wants to withdraw them, pop-up with password and buttons "Confirm" and "I forgot password" will appear. Providing password and pushing "Confirm" button will withdraw offer. Action "I forgot password" will trigger pop-up message with information about consequences of offer withdrawal without providing password. Confirming this message will erase whole offer with password.

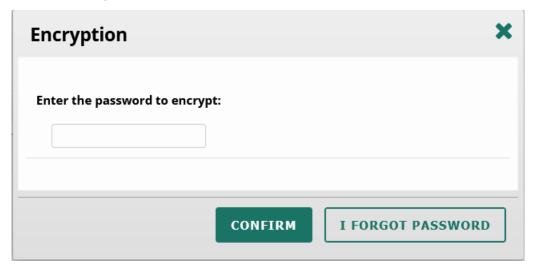


Image 153 - Pop-up message with password



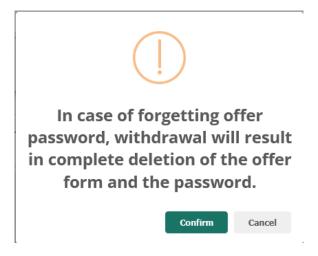


Image 154 - Message about consequences of offer withdrawal without providing password

The ordering party will not in any way have an insight into the contents of the originally submitted data - the withdrawal will change status from "Offer placed" to "Complete" and will not delete details of the submitted application / offer and attachments (including ESPD) attached to it.

NOTE - regardless of the amount of parts in a given proceeding action "Undo" will mean that bids / proposals submitted to all parts.

Withdrawal of an offer from public procedure does not exclude re-submission of an offer within a given stage.

In order to withdraw Offers / Proposal from proceedings, from the level of the "Proposal / Offers" tab of a specific RFX button "Withdraw" is in the "Action" section.

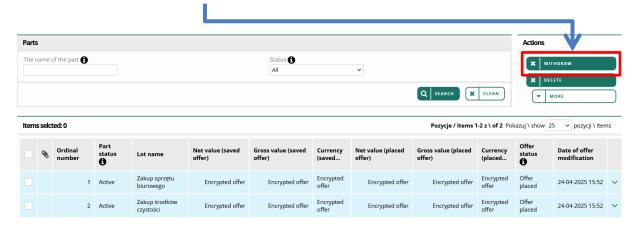


Image 155 - Withdrawals of Proposal / offers from proceedings

To withdraw the offer, click on the "Withdraw" button. The action should be confirmed (or canceled).



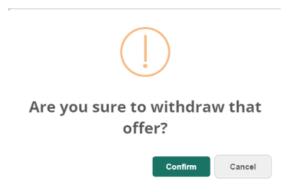


Image 156 - Message requesting confirmation of the withdrawal of the offer

The correct withdrawal of the offer / application must be signed with an electronic signature on the Application / Offer withdrawal form. The withdrawal form is presented below:

Formularz wycofania oferty \ Withdrawn offer form	
Nazwa zapytania \ Name of request for proposal	Zakup stacji SDN dla PGE GiEK S.A. Oddział Kopalnia Węgla Brunatnego Bełchatów
Numer zapytania \ Number of request for proposal	POST/GEK/PMR-KWB/05928/2018
Nazwa \ Name	AURA Sp. j.
Miejscowość \ Locality	Szczecin
NIP \ Vatin	PL8512422748
Części postępowania z wycofanymi ofertami \ Procedure parts with withdrawn offers	
nr 1 Stacja elektryczna przenośnika taśmowego G.76	

Image 157 - Form of withdrawal of the offer

The electronic signature procedure is presented in analogy to the electronic signature of the offer form, which is presented in chapter 5.7. After successfully signing the withdrawal form, the withdrawal action will end.

5.10 Editing the proposal / offer

The Contractor before the deadline for submitting proposal / offers has the possibility to change the content of the response (proposal / offer) to the Ordering Party. The offer is being edited by modifying the details of the originally submitted proposal / offer and re-submitting.



The changed data will be overwritten. It should be emphasized here that only one offer can be received from one Contractor, which is treated as a whole by the System. The Awarding Entity, at the time of opening the offers, has access only to the last version of the proposal / offer submitted by the Contractor. Previous versions are available only to the Contractor's user through the "Generate report" option and generate a report from previous versions of the offer / proposal.

The offer can be edited any number of times, but submission of the corrected version at the Purchaser must be made before the deadline for submission of offers. If the Contractor submits the offer and commences editing, but does not manage to submit the proposal / offers again, the Employer will display the submitted version at the time of opening the offers and it will be the binding version. As part of editing the proposal / offer, it is allowed to change the data entered on the form as well as adding / removing attachments.

NOTE - The editing option may also be used before submitting an offer to modify saved versions of the proposal / offer.

5.10.1 Editing

The purpose of editing the application / offer should be to ensure that the answer addressed to the Ordering Party has been correctly submitted. You can do it, among others by verifying the Offer status on a given part of the inquiry.



Image 158 - Offers placed on parts of the proceedings

By displaying the details of a part, you can access the content of the offer (you may need to decipher it, see chapter 5.3 and 5.3.1). To view details, click on the selected part.



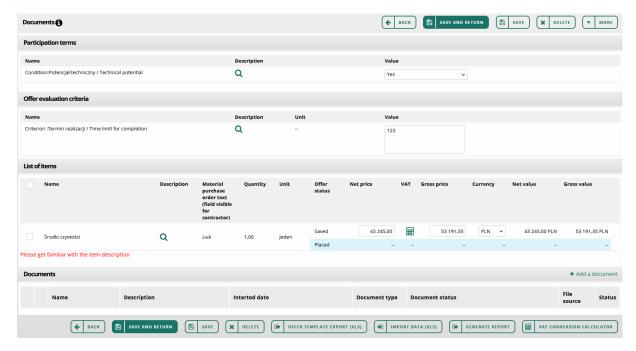


Image 159 - Details of the selected part of the offer inquiry

Having access to the content of the offer / application, the Contractor's user may introduce changes to its original wording, eg change the price at one of the positions or otherwise respond to the condition defined by the Ordering Party. Changes to the part form should be saved using the "Save" or "Save and return" button.

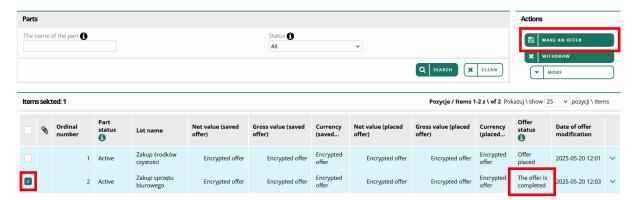


Image 160 - RFQ view with a modified offer for one part

After returning to the parts list, pay attention to the statuses that appear on individual offers - in the illustrated case the status for one of the parts has changed to "Offer completed". The change of status is dictated by the fact of introducing and saving changes in the original wording of the offer. It should also be noted that the "Submit offer" button (or "Application") has become available again.



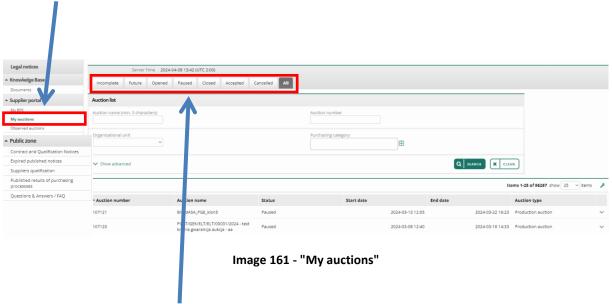
Selecting the check box next to the edited part and clicking on the "Submit offer / application" button will initiate the electronic signature procedure (the course presented in previous subsections).

NOTE - The offer is treated as a whole. Regardless of the quantity of the part of the inquiry, on which the Contractor modified the parameters of the offer, the re-submission of the offer will be based on all parts (including those unedited). The offer form to be signed will contain all parts (with updated values).



6. Auctions

All auctions to which the contractor was invited are available in the "Contractor Portal" module via the "My auctions" link.



The tabs available in the "My auctions" link allow you to filter auctions according to their current status - "Future", "Open", "Paused", "Finished", "Accepted" and "All". Access to active listings is best obtained through the "Open" tab.

Auctions are conducted according to one of the following rules:

- a) dynamic the next bid will be accepted if it is more favorable than our last bid in the auction
- b) English the next bid will be accepted if it is more favorable than the currently winning bid in the auction

In order to participate in the auction, you should first find an open auction and enter it by clicking with the left mouse button on the name of the selected auction.

Only one user of the contractor may participate in the auction.



Auction may have attached regulations, which may also require acceptance by the bidder. A user wishing to participate in such auction must read it and accept it. It is a condition of participation in the auction. Preview of the regulations is available by clicking on the name of the file with the regulations.

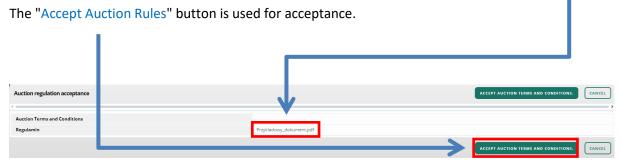


Image 162 - Auction regulations acceptance

Acceptance of the regulations will allow displaying the "Bidder's console", which has been divided into several sections - "Auction parameters", "Console" and "History". If the regulations is not attached to the auction - after clicking, the bidder's console will open immediately.



Image 163 - Section "Auction parameters"

In the "Auction parameters" section, the user can read the detailed information about the auction - start and end time, maximum number of overtime rounds etc. - and technical information - server time and link delay.

Auction overtimes

Extra time is an extension of the auction duration by the extra time defined by the Auction Operator each time a new bid is submitted before the time shorter than the defined extra time.

Example: in the auction the overtime time was set to 5 minutes. The auction ends at 10 a.m. and at 9:57:12 a.m. a bid was placed. In this situation, the auction is extended by 5 minutes - until 10:02:12 a.m..



The situation will be repeated until all extra-time planned by the Auction Operator have been used. Maximal number of overtimes is visible in the auction header in the field: "Number of overtimes".

Link delay

In the header of the auction console there is information about the current link delay. If the values indicated there during the auction exceed a few seconds - then you should revise the device's connection to the Internet and refresh the console. Long delays may prevent the auction participant from submitting bids. If there is no communication with the server, the bidder will receive a notification: "The console has lost connection. Wait for resume or refresh the console. Check internet connection."

Importantly, communication between the Buyers and the User of the Contractor who submit bids is possible at any time. This communication is dedicated to internal chat. In order to start the chat, click on the icon below available in the lower right corner of the auction console.



Image 164 - Chat icon (Contractors with the Buyer)

In the event of any problems with the auction or questions regarding its scope, you should first contact the Auction Operator, and if there is no response, the HelpDesk.



Submission of offers takes place via the "Console" section. The section displays all items of the procedure or part. Depending on the configuration of the auction by the Operator, the first bids may be submitted automatically at the time of its launch (in most cases, these will be bids transferred from the previous round of the procedure to which the auction applies). In order to submit an offer, the user should first enter the details of his offer in the appropriate field, and then click on the "Submit

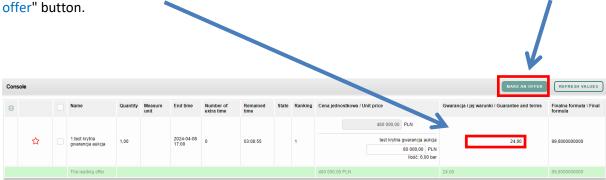


Image 165 - Submission of an offer (view for RFQ auction proceedings)



Image 166 - Submitting an offer (freehand auctions view)

Submitting an offer for a given item requires additionally selecting selected items by means of a checkbox. The PGE Capital Group Purchasing System is configured in such a way that the check box is selected by default after entering any value in the field. It is worth remembering that each field for entering the bid value has icons (if the Auction Operator has defined a step increment for the criterion), which are helpful when trying to outbid the best bid - the value of the leading bid is entered in the field by default, and the icons can be used to increase or decrease this value (depending on the direction of the auction).

Depending on the auction's configuration, the first offer may be placed automatically (e.g. the offer value has been transferred from the RFQ). Additionally, if the bid on a particular position has not been placed at all, the "ranking" field will remain empty.



Image 167 - Offer and possible icons

In order to increase the transparency of the bidder's console and facilitate participation in auctions, graphic symbols have been built into the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System, which appear at every position:

• a new offer has been made on that position

🔯 - offer made by the current user is a leading offer on that position

- offer made by the current user is a leading joint first (ex aequo) offer on that position (provided that the auction configuration allows such offers). This means that there is at least one other equally good offer made on that position.

In case of an ex aequo leading bid being submitted for a part/task, the System will display a message informing the user as shown below:

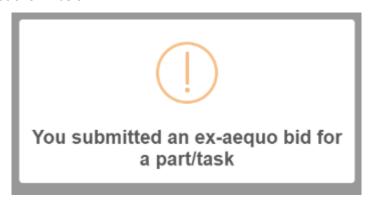


Image 168 - View of the message displayed when an ex aequo offer is made.

The time that aforementioned symbols show on the bidder's console is configured by the Auction Operator. Symbols are shown from the moment an offer has been made, until the configured time passes. If a new offer is made before time expires, it is refreshed. A symbol for leading or ex aequo offer may expire early if a better offer has been made by another user.

Multiple symbols may appear at the same time, for instance if a user makes a new, leading offer, both "new offer" and "leading offer" symbols will be shown.



If the auction configuration does not allow for ex aequo bids, then when a bid with the maximum number of points available in the dynamic auction is submitted, the System will show the ranking 2 in spite of the offer having maximum points (if the points are visible for the bidder), due to the fact that the bid was submitted after the currently winning bid with the same number of points.

Each offer submitted by the Contractor for a given item must comply with the requirements of the auction and System security - for example, entering a non-numeric value into the offer field is unacceptable. In the event that the offer submitted by the Contractor did not meet the criteria, the System will display a message with the details of the non-compliance which can be shown by clicking on the "Rejected" status. What's more, each offer also has an automatically assigned status Accepted if it meets the criteria.

Note: After each increment, the console should be refreshed using the "Refresh values" action!



Image 169 - The "Refresh values" action in the bidder console

Information about the final results of the auction will appear after its completion. In the context of the auction, it is also worth mentioning the issue of the "Observed auctions" link, which can be found in the "Contractor Portal" module. The option of observing the auction is especially useful for the Contractor, who can be represented by many users. One user can then participate in the auction and the other user can observe. The Observer Console is used to observe.



6.1 Electronic signing increments

Part of the auctions carried out in the PGE Capital Group Purchasing System are subject to the requirement of providing bids with electronic signature of the Contractor. The thread of the required equipment and configuration issues are described in subchapter 5.6. Submission of applications and offers with an electronic signature.



Image 170 - Bidder's console (electronic signature)

In order to make a bid, you should enter the value of the offer in the standard manner and click "Submit offer". Clicking the button will initiate the electronic signature. The Szafir KIR application will be launched. The increment details will be displayed in the top field. To sign the step, click "Sign".

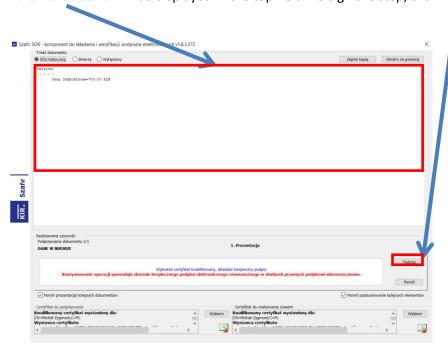


Image 171 - Electronic signature

A successful signature process will be confirmed by an appropriate message. It is worth bearing in mind that any bidding made in the auction must be approved with an electronic signature.



7. Qualification of contractors

The Ordering Party has the option of conducting qualifications of contractors, as a result of which, within a given purchasing category and organizational unit, the contractor obtains a qualification status that may simplify participation in tenders conducted by the Ordering Party.

Qualification is based on qualification forms to which the user gains access after joining a given Qualification Scenario or as a result of an invitation to qualification by the Ordering Party.

In order to join the Qualification Scenario, go to the "Suppliers' qualification" link in the "**Public zone**" module.

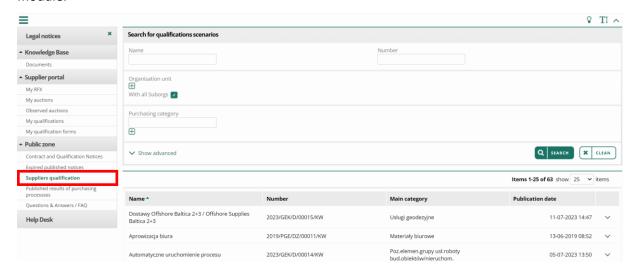


Image 172 - "Suppliers qualification"

Finding scenarios on the list and left-clicking on the selected Scenario displays the details of the Qualification Announcement. A view of the qualification announcement is shown on the next page.



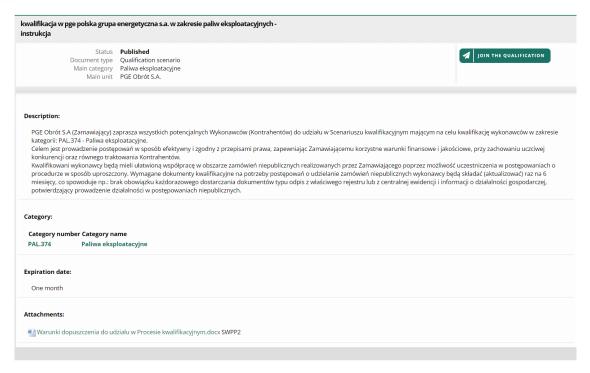


Image 173 - Taking the Qualification Scenario

From the announcement, it is possible to view the details provided by the Ordering Party as well as take part in the qualification process via the "Join the qualification" action. The fact of joining will be confirmed by an appropriate message, and the System will automatically redirect the user to the Status tab of the activated qualification based on the selected scenario.

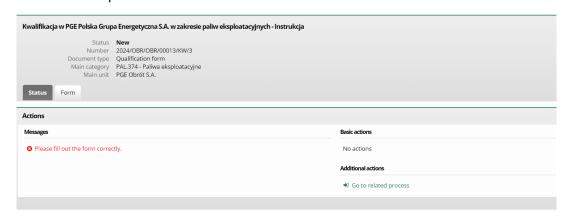


Image 174 - The "Status" tab of the qualification form

The basic object used to qualify a contractor is a form completed by the user. The form to be completed is available on the "Form" tab. The view of an example section is presented in the image below. The ordering party defines the type and number of fields available in the form.



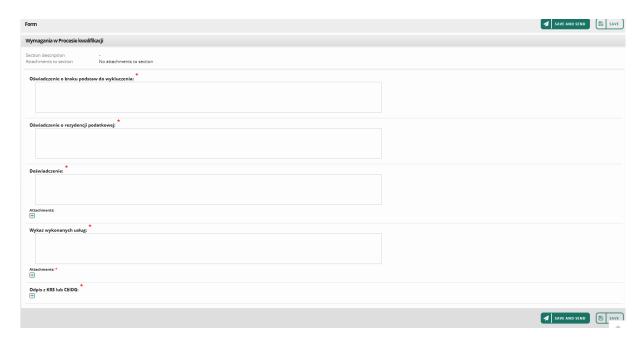


Image 175 - Sample qualification form

User is obliged to complete all fields defined by the Ordering Party, some of which may require attachments. After entering all the data, click the button: "Save" or "Save and send". The "Save" action - allows to save data with the possibility of later editing, while the "Save and send" action will cause the form to be sent to the Ordering Party, who will evaluate it.

A preview of all qualifications and related forms in which the Contractor participates is possible via the "My qualifications" and "My qualification forms" links. Both links are located in the "Supplier Portal" module.

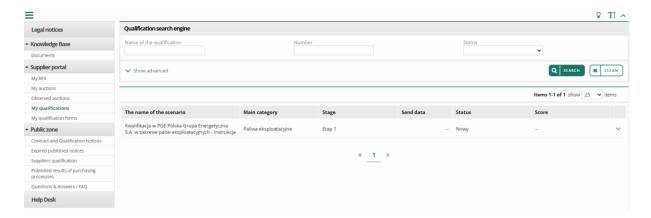


Image 176 - "My qualifications" list view



The image above shows the "My qualifications" link view. User can view the current status and results of qualifications through it. Enter the selected object by clicking the mouse button on its name and read the contents of the "Status" tab.

The object header contains information about the process status. The meaning of the selected statuses is described below:

In the assessment - the form was sent to the Ordering Party for its assessment

To be completed - the previously sent form requires correction or if the process consists of several stages, complete the form from the next stage.

In acceptance - the form has been sent to the Ordering Party for verification.

Completed – the form has been assessed and the process has ended with the status being assigned

The list of qualifications will also include closed qualifications to which the contractor is invited by the Ordering Party.

If the Ordering Party returns the form for correction, the qualification status will be changed to: **To be completed**.

A new form will appear in the list of qualification forms in the **New** state with the same name as the original one:

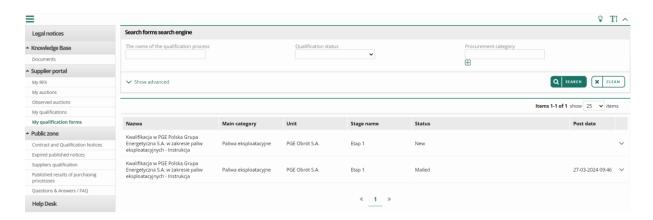


Image 177 - View of the "My Qualification Forms" list with the form returned for correction

When entering the details of the form (tab: "Form"), the header displays the Ordering Party's comment and the date by which the corrected form should be sent back for re-evaluation:





Image 178 - View of the section: "Basic data" with the form returned for correction

To make improvements, update the data in the form fields in accordance with the Ordering Party's guidelines and send them for evaluation again using the "Save and send" action.

The qualification status "**To be completed**" also occurs when the Contractor has already sent the form in a given process, but received another form to complete in the next stage of this process.

Qualifications can be configured as multi-stage, and at each stage the scope of data on the form to be completed may be different. The Ordering Party determines whether a given stage takes place with or without the participation of the contractor. For multi-stage qualifications, the need to complete data for subsequent stages is available from the list: "My qualification forms". The column: "Stage name" displays information allowing you to identify the appropriate one.

Completion of the qualification results in the contractor being awarded the status: "Qualified" or "Unqualified", which is visible, among others, from the "Status" tab of the qualifications in the "Summary" section:



kwalifikacja w pge polska grupa energety	kwalifikacja w pge polska grupa energetyczna s.a. w zakresie paliw eksploatacyjnych - instrukcja		
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Summary			
Qualification score:			
Qualified			
Status expiration date:			
28-04-2024			
Comment to score:			
No comment.			
Decision date:			
27-03-2024 09:54			
Actual process stage:			
User joining to qualification:			
Jonh Doe (ONEPLACE\Jonh.Doe@office.pl)			
Join to qualification date:			
27-03-2024 09:53			

Image 179 - Section view: "Summary" of qualifications

In the data displayed in the view, in addition to the assigned status, the expiration date is also displayed. Depending on the scenario configuration specified by the Ordering Party, the System may initiate a new process a certain number of days before the "Qualified" status expires so that the Contractor can re-qualify. This process contains the word "Aktualizacja" in its name.

If, as a result of the qualification, the contractor obtains any status, it is possible to re-join (if the qualification is conducted in an open mode) from the announcement level, update the data on the form compared to those provided originally and re-qualify, regardless of the validity period of granting this status.

NOTE: The contractor's branch is ultimately qualified, so all users associated with a given contractor's branch on the "My qualifications" and "My qualification forms" lists will see the qualifications of all users from the branch to which they are assigned, even if they did not personally participate in the qualification.



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