The TransGrid Procurement Team has achieved the CIPS Procurement Excellence Standard award, by demonstrating robust, effective governance is in place for supply assurance and compliance.

For TransGrid, CIPS Procurement Excellence is an award that will support our value with clients and industry. It will force us to continue to challenge our current processes and procedures, and to adapt and improve them where necessary, to further support our value. I am proud that we have obtained such a great milestone for the organisation. I believe we have further improvements ahead and look forward to the journey.

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CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER, TRANSGRID
Why CIPS Procurement Excellence?

TransGrid’s core role is to provide safe, reliable, sustainable and affordable transmission services. The business also takes a leading role in encouraging the connection of renewable generation and, more broadly, the transition to a low-carbon future.

In recent years, TransGrid has been through a continuous change and improvement exercise, including the move from being government-owned to private. The procurement team chose to participate in the CIPS Procurement Excellence programme to have every procurement and supplier management procedure reviewed, in order to identify areas for improvement and efficiencies.

The CIPS Procurement Excellence Standard award has been a key stage on the improvement journey, demonstrating the maturity that TransGrid’s procurement has achieved.

The company was assessed in a vigorous process against best practice criteria under various disciplines, including leadership and organisation, strategy and policy, processes and systems, performance management and people. This involved the submission of a 90-page report, spanning 110 questions (supported by 400+ evidence documents), coupled with various teleconference workshops with the CIPS awarding body and independent auditors.

The benefits for TransGrid

• Better protect the company from risk in the supply chain
• Deliver sustainable value to shareholders through best practice procurement processes and policies (e.g. demonstrating value for money and competitive sourcing activities)
• Provide assurance to existing and new customers that TransGrid sourcing practices are aligned with global standards
• Encourage continuous capability uplifts, staff development, and opportunities to meet TransGrid’s stakeholder expectations
• Help to further raise the company’s reputation within the industry and to raise awareness in the procurement profession