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ELEXON wins CIPS certification recognising best practice in procuring and managing contracts

ELEXON has been awarded the prestigious Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS) certification. The award recognises our expertise and excellence in a core area of our business – procuring and managing contracts to deliver our services.

Before awarding ELEXON the industry-standard accreditation, which acknowledges that our procurement policies, procedures and processes follow best practice, CIPS analysed ELEXON's working practices and fed back on those areas where we could improve. The commercial management and procurement (CM&P) team worked on improving our processes to meet CIPS's standards of excellence.

Sara Titmuss, commercial and procurement manager at ELEXON, said: "This is a milestone for my team and ELEXON. It clearly demonstrates our expertise in a really important part of what we do as a company. The team, supported by colleagues from across the business, worked incredibly hard over just delivering their day jobs to achieve this widely recognised certification."

Peter Haigh, CEO at ELEXON, said: "Our customers already recognise our expertise in the services we deliver to them. Achieving the CIPS accreditation is much more than a certificate on the wall – like our shortlisting with our partner Logica for tonight's National Outsourcing Award, it's concrete proof to our customers of our commitment to continuously improving our services and adding value in everything we do."



About ELEXON

ELEXON delivers balancing and settlement services which are critical to the successful operation of Great Britain's electricity trading arrangements under the Balancing and Settlement Code (BSC). We manage processes and systems from meter to bank to ensure that residential and business electricity settlement occurs seamlessly. In so doing, we handle over £1.5 billion of our customers' funds each year and interact with over 240 companies in the electricity industry. They, in turn, supply over 28 million customers in Great Britain.

As part of our role, we are responsible for managing, operating and implementing change to one of Great Britain's most significant energy industry codes. We are experts in procuring and managing contracts for the systems and processes that we manage. And we ensure that performance standards and BSC obligations are met so our customers have confidence that the BSC operates efficiently, accurately and fairly.

Over the past 10 years, we have managed extensive industry change, including developing and introducing the NETA arrangements and rolling out the BSC arrangements into the Scottish market in 2005 (BETTA). We are now perfectly placed to help the industry meet the challenges that it faces.



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How is ELEXON looking to the future?

We are consulting widely on smart metering and smart grids and looking at how any proposed changes may affect settlement and our customers. We are pro-actively proposing solutions in the smart arena. We are also actively considering the impact of the low carbon economy, and particularly the challenges that electrifying transport and relying more on renewable energy sources will bring. We recognise that Electricity Market Reform (EMR) will bring new challenges and we believe our expertise and experience could be applied to deliver the central arrangements necessary for EMR.

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