



# Case Study – ScottishPower PowerSystems



## Background

ScottishPower Group is an international energy company comprising of four businesses, two regulated and two competitive, serving more than 6 million electricity and gas customers in the UK and the Western US.

Providing electricity generation, transmission, distribution and supply services, it's activities also extend to coal mining and gas storage/hub services, and in the UK, the supply of gas.

PowerSystems manages, operates, maintains and repairs the equipment and networks that connect 3.3 million homes and businesses to the electricity supply. It undertakes these tasks on behalf of the owners of the wires assets; SP Transmission and Distribution - also part of the ScottishPower Group.

## The Benefits of Using the UVDB

PowerSystems recognise the benefits of using the UVDB for supplier sourcing, as it provides the capability to use industry specific criteria, through an effective web based solution, and the ability to set criteria to prequalify "best fit" suppliers.

## Using Verify

PowerSystems previously conducted Safety, Health, Environment and Quality (SHEQ) audits of potential suppliers with a team of in-house auditors. This process continues, although to a much lesser extent, and only for specific very high-risk contracts, following the use of Verify.

Verify has allowed a consistent approach to supplier assessment due to SHEQ assessment by independent and qualified assessors, which can then be used as a solid benchmark with the security of first-class information.

## UVDB and Verify helping the tender process

PowerSystems use both the UVDB and Verify extensively and as part of the standard working practice within the procurement process, assisting in time and effort reduction on all contracts.

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*"SP PowerSystems Ltd, part of the ScottishPower Group of companies, extensively uses both UVDB and Verify to assist and enable high value strategic procurement of goods and services, fully in accordance with EU procurement legislation, and in a fair, open and totally transparent manner."*

The UVDB offers a range of benefits to suppliers and contractors including:

- Pre-qualification information to more than 50 Purchasing organisations
- Presenting your business capabilities to around 2000 buyers
- Savings in time and effort associated with multiple pre-qualification documents
- Online questionnaire with full support and assistance
- Opportunity to contractors as a buyer to use UVDB as a sourcing tool

The Verify Scheme also offers further real benefits to suppliers and contractors including:

- Supply Chain Efficiencies
- Demonstrable compliance to SHEQ
- Credibility in the market place
- Independent assessment and benchmarking - driving continuous improvement in the supply chain

UVDB and Verify Patron and Utility membership gives organisations the unique opportunity to work alongside their customers, contractors, partners and suppliers to ensure effective growth and development of this industry supplier/contractor assessment scheme.