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- CWA 17026-103 Profile BII43 Contract Award Notice
- CWA 17026-104 Profile BII45 Search Notices
- CWA 17026-105 Profile BII61 Communication between Notice Publishers
- CWA 17026-106 Profile BII62 Search Notice Metadata

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CWA 17026-202 UBL Syntax Binding for Trdm078 Contract Notice

CWA 17026-203 UBL Syntax Binding for Trdm079 Prior Information Notice

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Introduction

The first CEN BII Workshop was established in May 2007 with the objective of harmonising electronic procurement in Europe. The CEN BII initiative, which now comprises a further two CEN Workshops, is a standardisation activity within CEN (European Committee for Standardisation). It provides a framework for interoperability in pan-European electronic transactions expressed as a set of technical specifications.

During the second phase of the initiative (CEN WS/BII 2) a set of technical specifications – “CEN BII Profiles” – were documented and published as five CEN Workshop Agreements (CWAs), which are currently used across Europe. The profiles are designed to facilitate effective public e-procurement based on a modular approach for implementation, with a focus on global interoperability.

The CEN BII profiles can be seen as “agreements” on message contents and business processes. The profile descriptions focus on core information elements that typically cater to the majority of user requirements applicable across Europe and lower the need for detailed bilateral agreements between the trading partners.

In its third phase (CEN WS/BII 3), which began in March 2013 with the approval of the business plan, the Workshop has focused on ensuring that all relevant aspects of e-procurement are covered, including additional business requirements coming from the new Public Procurement Directives² and alignment to other standardization efforts in the area of electronic invoicing, as well as ensuring wider recognition and adoption of its deliverables.

More information about the CEN BII initiative can be found on www.cenbii.eu.

² Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement – replaces Directive 2004/18/EC (“classic Directive”), Directive 2014/25/EU on procurement by entities operating in the water, energy, transport and postal services sectors – replaces Directive 2004/17/EC (“utilities Directive”), and Directive 2014/23/EU on the award of concession contracts (new).

1 Scope

1.1 Introduction

This profile BII43 Contract Award Notice describes the communication between a contracting body or his representative and a publication body to publish a contract award notice.

The key aspects covered by this profile are:

- The sending of a contract award notice for publication from a contracting body or his representative to a publishing body.
- The content of a contract award notice.
- The possibility for the publisher to request/suggest corrections to the contract award notice.
- The possibility to publish or in the case of a confidential notice to file it.

The contract award notice is used to announce the results of public procurement procedures.

This profile is identified in the transactions by the ProfileID

urn:www.cenbii.eu:profile:bii43:ver3.0.

1.2 Goals

The main business benefits to be gained by implementing this profile are:

ID	Description
G43-001	The contracting body or his representative will be able to install a systematic notification process
G43-002	The publication body will be able to automatically process the content and transform the information into a publication
G43-003	The publication body can send directly requests/suggestions for corrections to the Contracting body or its representative
G43-004	The contracting body or his representative and the publication body can automatically check the technical validation of the notice, so as to minimise the risk of error.
G43-005	Structured contract award information may be fed into systems for linked open data.

1.3 Business environment

1.3.1 eNotification

Many pre-award opportunities first become visible to the economic operators in the form of notices describing upcoming or current procurement procedures (prior information notices or contract notices). At the end of such procedures a notice is published (contract award notice) notifying the result of the procedure.

eNotification covers the electronic transfer of electronic public procurement notices for publication and dissemination with the ultimate aim of opening business opportunities. eNotification profiles are addressed to all those who exchange procurement notices for publication and further information processing. The profiles are therefore generally addressed to Contracting Bodies, publishers, print shops, information brokers or monitoring or statistical services. eNotification can be carried out at various levels and between different levels (regional, state, European etc). The legal obligation of publishing notices at the correct level is the responsibility of the contracting bodies.

The content of the notices described in the BII eNotification profiles are essentially based on Directive 2014/23/EU, Directive 2014/24/EU and Directive 2014/25/EU and their annexes. The profiles can however be applied to notices with other legal obligations, if the information requirements fit to their needs.

Profiles BII14 Prior Information Notice, BII10 Contract Notice and BII43 Contract Award Notice describe the communication between a contracting body or his representative and a publisher. Profile BII61 describes communication between publishers. The process by which notices can be searched for on a given platform are described in profiles BII62 Exchange of Notice Metadata and BII45 Search Notices. These profiles are included in CWA 17026.

When the contracting body has published a notice, the interested economic operators may subscribe to obtain tendering information using profile BII46. The tendering information is also publicly available on the platform used by the contracting body. Negotiated procedures require sending the invitation to tender (profile BII52) to identified candidates. Article 26 to 32 from Directive 2014/24/EU and article 44 to 50 from Directive 2014/25/EU describe the different tendering procedures that can be used by contracting bodies. For the purpose of electronic tendering, some of these procedures have been described in BII profiles BII37 (open procedure) and BII39 (restricted procedure). These profiles are included in CWA 17027.

1.3.2 Contract award notice

This profile supports a process by which a contracting body or his representative sends a contract award notice to a publication body for publication. It is intended to support transmission of electronic documents for processing in (semi-)automated processes by the receiver. The legal requirements that were taken into account are requirements from European legislation, in particular the EU directives, mentioned in section 5 of this profile. The intended scope for this profile includes Business to Government (B2G), Government to Government (G2G) and Business to Business (B2B) relations.

The transactions, specified in this profile are intended to be exchanged between the tendering systems of publishers. This means that it is expected that the parties have connected their systems to the internet, and that they have middleware in place to enable them to send and receive the transactions in a secure way, using an agreed syntax.

The content model of the transactions can be used in procurement platforms or portals, so that these platforms as well as procurement systems of economic operators and contracting bodies are based on the same information and process models, which makes them more interoperable.