

## Collaborative purchasing - The UK Experience

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In his presentation Richard will provide a background to collaborative procurement in English Fire & Rescue Authorities covering:

- the drivers for collaborative procurement;
- the process and consultation leading up to the first National Procurement Strategy for the Fire & Rescue Service;
- the formation of Firebuy Ltd as a central body to deliver national elements of the Strategy;
- the formation of the Chief Fire Officers' Association (CFOA) National Procurement Board to represent the Service;
- the formation of the Fire & Rescue Suppliers Association (FIRESA) to represent suppliers to the Service
- a summary of procurement projects undertaken by Firebuy Ltd

Richard will also cover what worked, what could have worked better and the process underway for the next National Procurement Strategy for the Fire & Rescue Service scheduled for 2008.